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AMUSEMENT TAX PROPOSAL.

OPERATION PLAN NOT DECIDED.

HOME SYSTEM NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION

SLIDING SCALE.

That Government is at present considering the method of operation of the Entertainment Tax in England, with a view to applying it to the new Amusement Tax in Hongkong, provided for in the Budget for next year, was the official reply to an enquiry made by the Telegraph this morning concerning the system to be adopted.

The Government has obtained all details from the Home authorities as to the working of the tax in England, and will take from it such forms as are applicable to the particular circumstances of the Colony. Later, it will introduce the necessary legislation.

Details Not Decided.

It is presumed that a sliding scale similar to that which operates in England will be applied locally.

We were informed, however, that although the percentages and method of application have not yet been worked out, it is anticipated that the new tax will come into operation on January 1st, 1931. The Government estimates a revenue of \$300,000 from this source.

The sliding scale of the Entertainment Tax operating in England at the present is as follows:

The Home Charges.

When the payment for admission does not exceed 6d., no duty is charged. The scale then works on the following basis:

Up to 7d.	1d.
" 8d.	1 1/2d.
" 9d.	2d.
" 10d.	2 1/2d.
" 11d.	3d.
" 12d.	3 1/2d.
" 13d.	4d.
" 14d.	4 1/2d.
" 15d.	5d.
" 16d.	5 1/2d.
" 17d.	6d.
" 18d.	6 1/2d.
" 19d.	7d.
" 20d.	7 1/2d.
" 21d.	8d.
" 22d.	8 1/2d.
" 23d.	9d.
" 24d.	9 1/2d.
" 25d.	10d.
" 26d.	10 1/2d.
" 27d.	11d.
" 28d.	11 1/2d.
" 29d.	12d.
" 30d.	12 1/2d.

For every 5s. or part of 5s. over 15s., the tax is 6d.

Certain exemptions are allowed, such as schools, educational institutions, etc., whilst special exemption is granted for charitable entertainments.

Possible Scope.

Should the system in operation in England be adopted for Hongkong, cinemas, public amateur entertainments, theatres, football matches (to which admission charges are made), and all descriptions of public entertainments, other than those securing special exemption, will have to bear the tax.

It is also assumed that the organisers of public entertainments, the management of local theatres, etc., will be held responsible for obtaining the tax from the public. It is anticipated that the official acknowledgment for the payment of the tax will take the form of excise stamps, affixed to admission tickets, the price of which would be correspondingly raised.

As to how far the Home system will be adhered to by the local Government, no definite information is as yet available, but we are informed that immediate consideration is being given to the proposals.

CONVINCING WIN BY NOTTS COUNTY.

SPLENDID FORM WELL MAINTAINED.

London, Oct. 2. Notts County, who are making a strong bid to recover their position in the Second Division of the League, defeated Norwich City by four clear goals in the Third Division (South).

The match was played at Nottingham, and gives the County a three points lead over their nearest rivals.—*Reuter.*

AMERICA ADMITS SEVERE SHOCK.

PRESIDENT HOOVER ON THE TRADE DEPRESSION.

CONFIDENT SPEECH.

New York, Oct. 2.

An important speech was delivered by President Hoover on the subject of the economic depression in the United States and the world generally at Cleveland, Ohio, to-day.

The depression, declared President Hoover, is worldwide in its scope, but it is not necessary for us to wait for the recovery of the rest of the world.

"The difficulties of other nations exceed ours. We shall need again to undertake to assist and cooperate with them."

President Hoover was addressing the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, and he added that the United States had had a severe shock to its economic system, which had been disorganised.

Notwithstanding the shock, however, the fundamental assets of the nation were unimpaired, its resources were undiminished, its gigantic equipment and unparalleled organisation for production and distribution were, in many ways, even stronger than in 1928.—*Reuter's American Service.*

INCIDENT AT PARIS STATION.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST M. BRIAND.

Paris, Oct. 2.

The *Camelots du Roi* (a Royalist organisation) staged a hostile demonstration against M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, on his arrival at the Gare du Lyon from Geneva to-day.

One of the members of this organisation, a man named Bourin, who was wounded in the Great War, rushed up as M. Briand stepped on the platform from the train, and accused him of provoking war with Germany.

M. Bourin was taken into custody.

A number of other *Camelots* later created a disturbance in the Quai de La Rapée.—*Reuter.*

FUTURE OF PRINCE GEORGE.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL REPORT UNAUTHORISED.

London, Oct. 3.

It is authoritatively stated that though plans for Prince George to accompany the Prince of Wales to the British Trade Exhibition in Buenos Aires next spring have been discussed, nothing has yet been definitely decided.

The statement that the tour might be a preliminary to Prince George's appointment to a Governor-Generalship is unauthorised.—*Reuter.*

FIVE KILLED IN U.S. HOUSE COLLAPSE.

THIRTEEN FRENCH PEOPLE BURIED IN RUINS.

New York, Oct. 2.

Thirteen people, all French, were trapped in the collapse of a four-storey tenement house at Greenwich Village to-day.

Rescue-workers recovered the bodies of five persons who were killed, while five others have been extricated injured. The other three are still missing.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ST. LOUIS DEFEATED A SECOND TIME.

PHILADELPHIA'S START IN WORLD SERIES.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.

In the second game of the world baseball championship series to-day, Philadelphia Athletics defeated the St. Louis Cardinals by six runs to one, following up their 6-2 victory yesterday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CENTRAL CHINA TRUCE.

FENG WANTS TO BE BOUGHT OFF.

ASKS \$3,000,000 TO COVER "DISBANDMENT."

HOPES OF PEACE.

Shanghai, Oct. 2.

High hopes are being entertained in political circles of an amicable understanding between the Nationalist and Kuomintang Commanders working for a truce in Central China, with the automatic resignation of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.

Marshal Feng is reported to have agreed to hand over the control of the Kuomintang Divisions to his chief lieutenant, General Lu Chung-lin, on the condition that the Nanking Government will permit the Kuomintang to continue its administration in Kansu, Shensi and part of Honan Provinces.

Demand for \$3,000,000.

The "Christian" General demands simultaneously from the Nanking Government \$3,000,000 as a Disbandment Fund before his resignation and permission to reorganise the various Kuomintang armies into ten Divisions.

It will be recalled that Marshal Feng made a similar demand from the Nanking Government some time last year but the promised Disbandment Fund was never forthcoming, and Marshal Feng, tired of waiting, began his rebellion against the Central Government.

Manchurian Ambition.

With the Manchurian desire for the occupation of Chihli and Shantung Province becoming more evident, reports from Mukden state that General Chang Hsueh-liang has given orders for the Third Manchurian Army consisting of 30,000 men, to proceed to Shanhai-kwan and the Tongshan mining districts, in addition to the First and Second Manchurian Armies which have arrived in Chihli Province.

The mobilisation of the Third Manchurian Army is an indication of the Manchurian determination to establish a military zone in Chihli with the intention of remaining there for some time. The Third Manchurian Army will be stationed in districts between Shanhai-kwan and the Tongshan mining areas for the time being, and at a moment's notice can proceed to Peking and Tientsin or to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

War Expenses.

According to Peking cables, official circles estimate that the Shanai Government revenues during the past five months leave a surplus of \$12,000,000, despite the unprecedented debacles suffered by the Shanai troops along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway where the military operations cost Marshal Yen Hsi-shan a sum of over \$30,000,000.

Tientsin's New Regime.

Tientsin, Oct. 2.

To-day marked the change-over to the new regime here when Manchurian officials formally took over the various Government offices.

Chang Chi-fang assumed the post of acting Mayor, Chang Hsueh-ming took command of the various Police Bureaux, while the Customs, Finance, Salt and Telegraph Administrations also changed hands.

No formal ceremonies marked the occasion, the change being accomplished quietly and without incident.—*Reuter.*

THE R101'S TRIAL FLIGHT.

THE NEW SECTION PROVES SATISFACTORY.

London, Oct. 2.

The Air Ministry has issued a communique regarding last night's trial flight of the airship R101, which states:—"The behaviour of the airship, including the new outer cover, was quite satisfactory, and the addition of a new section has in no way affected the control or stability of the ship."—*British Wireless.*

COLONIAL OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

SIR JOSEPH BYRNE NEW GOVERNOR OF KENYA.

IN LADYSMITH SIEGE.

London, Oct. 2.

Brig-General Sir Joseph Byrne, K.C.M.G., the Governor of Sierra Leone, has been appointed to succeed Sir Edward Grigg, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Kenya Colony.

Sir Edward Grigg has been in Kenya since 1925, prior to which he was M.P. for Oldham and Secretary to the Rhodes Trustees. In his early days, he was a journalist, joining the editorial staff of *The Times* soon after leaving college, resigning in 1913 to join the Grenadier Guards. He relinquished his commission in 1921 with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

Brig-Gen. Sir Joseph Byrne entered the army in 1893, served in the South African War, including the Siege of Ladysmith, later ser-

LENOX SIMPSON MAKING GOOD FIGHT.

Still Slight Chance of His Recovery.

PARALYSIS INEVITABLE.

Tientsin, Oct. 2.

Enquiries made at the hospital to-night disclose that Mr. Lenox Simpson, who was shot by Chinese gunmen, is displaying considerable resistance, despite his serious condition.

Should he pass a good night, his chances of recovery will be somewhat improved, though it is feared that, in any event, permanent paralysis is unavoidable.—*Reuter.*

ving as A.A.G. at the War Office. He was Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary from 1916 to 1920, was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1921, appointed Governor of the Seychelles in 1922, and Governor in Sierra Leone in 1927.

AUSTRIAN ELECTION DAY FIXED.

FASCIST PARTY ISSUES MANIFESTO.

Vienna, Oct. 2.

It was officially announced to-day that the Austrian general elections will take place on November 9.

The Heimwehr (the Fascist organisation) has issued a manifesto emphasising the Party's determination not to allow a "Red" majority to smother the helm of state from its grasp.

The manifesto declares that the Heimwehr must participate in the electoral struggle independently of other political parties and must build a new state on the ruins of the present Parliament.—*Reuter.*

"EGYPT" SALVAGE FIND.

DIPLOMATIC BAG SENT TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

London, Oct. 2.

As a result of the salvage operations of the P. and O. steamship *Egypt* after collision with a French steamer in the Bay of Biscay in 1922, the Foreign Office has received the contents of the diplomatic bag found in the Captain's safe, which was brought to the surface recently and conveyed to Bristol. The documents, which have lain at a depth of four hundred feet for eight years, are coated with rust and are still legible, and the seals are intact. They included official despatches and other communications to British diplomatic representatives at many posts abroad.—*British Wireless.*

LABOUR M.P. ON RUBBER.

INDUSTRY SHOULD BE SELF-RELIANT.

NO WHINING FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

AN ECONOMIC WAR.

Singapore, Sept. 27.

The Hon. R. D. Denman, M.P. (Lab.) for Central Leeds, who is on a business visit to Malaya, was the speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Singapore Rotary Club. He dealt with the crisis in the rubber industry in the manner of an accomplished public speaker and brought to bear on the subject an extensive knowledge and a much-needed amount of common sense.

Mr. Denman is a director of several companies including four rubber companies having a total acreage of 13,600 and the restrictions among his hearers must have whetted before the logic of his remarks. He said, in part:

Governor's Announcement.

"When I landed from the ship, I discovered that the Governor had made an announcement of profound importance, and one which I think will give satisfaction to the great mass of those connected with the rubber industry. Personally, I am in complete and cordial agreement with the policy set out in that pronouncement. Of course, the opinion of everybody in the industry may not be on those lines, but probably eighty or ninety per cent. are in agreement."

"It gave me great pleasure to find that the work here was not having Government support. My own training in business and finance was strictly Victorian and I think that in those days we had certain sentiments which have come to be too little regarded in these modern times. Industries in those days were taught to be self-reliant and would have been ashamed to go to Government and ask to be got out of difficulties of their own creation. I was glad to see that you, out here, had that same self-reliance and determination and were not whining for Government assistance."

Stabilisation Impossible.

"Having stated that I am completely in agreement with the policy enunciated, I now want to subject it to one criticism. The hopes and aims that are stated in the closing paragraph of the document are hopes and aims which I regret that I cannot myself share. It is stated that 'what is now needed is that rubber prices should be stabilised by the action of economic laws.' You have medical men in this Club and they will tell you that a little period of rest is always good after a meal, and experience shows that there is nothing so profoundly sedative as a flow of economic argument."

Prices never have been firmly stabilised and never can be stabilised. In so far as prices have been stabilised, it has always been by deliberate and conscious activity of the human mind, controlling and practically directing economic laws."

The speaker then went on to elaborate the argument that economic laws were not to be set under meekly for, left to themselves, they would not stabilise prices. "What is meant," he said, "is that you are to allow the action of supply and demand free play and to let prices be a governing factor so as to adjust supply to demand."

Price as a Governor.

"We can use price as a governor. If the price is sufficiently low it will slow down the machine of production; if it is sufficiently high it will speed up the machine. That is a simple economic fact. That is my view of prices. As everybody knows, prices changed as required to correct the maladjustment of supply to demand. It frequently happens, say, that supply is 5 per cent. in excess of what is needed. In that case, prices might come tumbling down, perhaps by 25 per cent. So far from being stabilised by the price, supply and demand went up and down wildly. I do not say that would be the immediate effect for (Continued on Page 7.)

E. D. SASSOON AND COMPANY.

IMPORTANT CHANGES NOW EFFECTIVE.

BIG NEW COMPANY.

Important changes in the business of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd., merchant bankers with headquarters in Bombay and a branch in Hongkong, have come into effect as from October 1st.

These involve the closing of the branches in London, Manchester and Hongkong, but the Company will carry on business through its offices in India and Shanghai.

The Company's remaining trading interests have been transferred to an associated company, Arnold and Co., Ltd.

The banking and financial business hitherto carried on in London, Manchester and Hongkong is being continued at the same addresses by the E. D. Sassoon Banking Co., a private limited liability company, incorporated in Hongkong, with a capital of £1,000,000.

It is intended that the newly-registered Company shall consolidate and develop the existing banking business.

The Directors of the new Company are Sir Victor Sassoon, Captain R. E. Sassoon, Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. F. A. Martin and Mr. K. Ho.

BIG SUM READY FOR POSSIBLE WAR.

ASSISTANCE TO STATES ATTACKED.

Geneva, Oct. 2.

The minimum sum guaranteed by the signatories to the Aggression Convention signed to-day is 50,000,000 gold francs, while the minimum contributions of the first twenty-eight signatories reach nearly 53,000,000 francs.—*Reuter.*

The Convention provides for financial assistance to any State which is a victim of aggression.

A total of 29 states have signed the Convention, including Britain, France, Australia, the Netherlands and Persia. Germany, Italy, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand have hitherto not signed.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH WAR BOND REDEMPTION.

NEW TREASURY ISSUE ALSO TO BE MADE.

London, Oct. 2.

The Treasury announces the redemption at par on January 15 next of four per cent. war loan 1925/42 amounting to £77,000,000.

Also announced is the proposed issue by tender of an unlimited amount of four per cent. Treasury Bonds, redeemable in the three years 1934/36 at a minimum price of a hundred and a half.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH AND RUBBER SITUATION.

MINISTER OF COLONIES TO TAKE ACTION.

The Hague, Oct. 2.

The Minister of the Colonies to-day received the Committee of the Dutch Rubber Growers' Association.

The Minister intends to co-operate with the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies for the purpose of improving the situation.—*Reuter.*

NO SURVIVORS OF MINE MISHAP.

ENTIRE SHIFT KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

London, Oct. 2.

There were no survivors of the explosion which occurred last night at midnight at Grove Colliery, near Walsall, Staffordshire.

Fourteen miners lost their lives, these representing the entire shift on duty.—*British Wireless.*

CRYING NEED FOR AMBULANCES.

SERIOUS SITUATION RECENTLY.

ST. JOHN BRIGADE TAKING MATTER IN HAND.

MOTOR-CAR FOR \$2.

A new \$3,000 motor-car for \$2 is the highly attractive chance offered in a prize-drawing competition inaugurated for the purpose of supplementing the funds of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and announced this morning.

The object of the proposal, mainly, is to enable the Brigade to extend its motor ambulance service, a service of which the Colony is greatly in need and which has recently been strongly advocated in the Press.

Ten prizes are being offered, the total value being \$5,200 distributed as follows:

First Prize: Motor car, valued at \$3,000.

Second Prize: Articles to the value of \$1,000.

Third Prize: To the value of \$500.

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Prizes: To the value of \$100.

Sole Ambulance Borrowed.

The District Superintendent points out in a communication this morning that the St. John Ambulance Brigade possesses one Motor Ambulance which has been recently loaned to the Government while one of its ambulances is out of commission.

The following are particulars of service of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Motor ambulance while in the charge of the Fire Brigade as a Government Ambulance:—from 2.7.30 to 23.8.30.

Number of patients carried—156.

Number of cases attended 156.

In less than two months the above work was done by one ambulance alone.

Incidentally, the Brigade Ambulance is still doing duty at the Fire Brigade station.

Crying Need.

It is due to the crying needs of the public made known through the medium of the Press, that the S. J. A. B. has taken the matter in hand and is endeavouring to the utmost to supplement its existing Ambulance service and to provide the Colony with an efficient motor ambulance service, ready for any emergency which might arise.

For this purpose funds are needed. This is the first occasion on which the Brigade has appealed for public support and it is earnestly hoped that the same will be forthcoming.

The Brigade motto is "For the Good of Humanity and the Relief of Suffering," and this alone should enlist sympathy.

Tickets for the prize drawing are \$2.00 each, and may be obtained from Brigade Members, Finance Committee, the Hon. Treasurer or the Corps Secretary.

JAPAN'S MINISTER OF NAVY.

ADMIRAL TAKARABE GIVES UP POST.

Tokyo, Oct. 2.

Admiral Takarabe, who was one of the members of the Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference, has visited Mr. Hamaguchi, the Premier, and is understood to have tendered his resignation as Navy Minister. The Premier has not yet indicated whether he will accept the resignation.

Admiral Takarabe's resignation is the outgrowth of the long controversy over the London Treaty. He had previously indicated his desire to retire from office as soon as the ratification of the Treaty was completed.

Later.

It is officially announced that Admiral Takarabe has resigned, and Admiral Baron Kiyokazu Abo has been named as his successor. Admiral Abo was naval adviser to the Japanese delegation to London, and is a member of the Supreme War Council.—*Reuter.*

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HONGKONG BUDGET INTRODUCED.

EFFECTS OF WORLDWIDE DEPRESSION.

NEED FOR REVENUE.

Hongkong's Budget for 1931 was introduced into the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon by the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.) providing for the expenditure of \$29,787,855.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said: "Sir, I rise by Your Excellency's command to move the first reading of a Bill intituled 'An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding twenty-three million three hundred and sixty-five thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars to the Public Service of the year 1931.'"

In preparing the Budget which is now before the Council the Government has had to take account of a number of factors which are new. First and foremost must be ranked the world-wide trade depression the effects of which it is impossible to escape. It has taken just over ten years for the full effect of the enormous wastage of material, the destruction of millions of the world's best producers, and above all the almost complete stagnation for four and a half years of productive industry, which were the chief economic features of the Great War, to make themselves felt. Until fairly recently the War's legacy of living on capital and on credit produced something like prosperity. But it is now clear that the world is at last having to face hard economic facts and to make good by a general decrease in the standard of living for its years of living on an over-draft. Hongkong was as little affected by the war as any place in the world and it appears that the Colony has been up to the present less affected by the universal depression than most places. But it would none the less be idle to suppose that we are or can be permanently untouched by that depression. To this world depression must be added the more direct effect on the Colony of the very disheartening continuation of the Civil War in China. A new rearrangement of party leaders seems now to be emerging, but a sound basis for lasting peace has yet to be found.

Three Considerations.

Locally the framing of the Budget for 1931 has been seriously influenced by three considerations. In the first place the unprecedented fall in the exchange rate of the dollar has caused a situation which by itself would necessitate a very drastic increase in the provision to be made for sterling commitments, including, of course, the salaries of all officers paid on a sterling basis. In the Budget for 1930 the exchange rate of 1/10d. was adopted. In the Budget which is now before the Council it will be observed that the rate has been put at 1/4d., after much consideration of the uncertain factors which will control the prevailing rate for 1931. Even where a sterling figure remains unaltered the increase in dollars of 27 1/2%, which a drop of 6d. in exchange involves would be a sufficiently disquieting situation for any Government to face in a single financial year.

The second factor to be considered is the revised scales of salaries which are now in force as a result of the recommendations of the recent Salaries Commission. These were fully debated by this Council in June last and it is unnecessary for me to make further comment thereon. While leaving salaries as settled Government has however set up a very influential and energetic Retrenchment Commission to investigate not only how far the personnel is justified by the volume of work performed but also to what extent economies may be effected in other directions.

The establishment of the Retrenchment Commission constituted another influence on the policy of the Government while framing the Estimates. It is natural that the major part of the work of the Commission should be a consideration of the personnel, and confusion might well have resulted if the same work had been tackled from opposite sides. Obvious reductions, of course, the Government was ready to make and wherever possible recruiting arrangements already made have been cancelled and development means have been postponed or suspended with a consequential reduction of the extra staff that would have been required.

Retrenchment Aspects.

But the special effort at Retrenchment of Personnel now required needs close and prolonged study, with a perspective not limited to the inside of Government offices; and the Retrenchment Commission as constituted is particularly well qualified for this work, and can be depended upon to do it thoroughly. Questions of personnel have therefore largely been left over for the time; but new appointments have been avoided, and limited contracts are not being extended to permanent service, wherever it has been possible to follow this line. And meanwhile close touch is being maintained with the Retrenchment Commission.

Retrenchment on other heads of Expenditure however is another matter: as Hon. Members will have occasion to notice when I come to deal with Public Works Recurrent and Public Works Extraordinary especially.

I should like to dispel at this stage any idea that the duty of retrenchment is in any way the prerogative of a commission specially appointed for this purpose. Every year the smallest details of each department's estimates are scrutinized with the greatest care before they are allowed to be included in the Budget and any items which in the light of past expenditure appear excessive are reduced. Nor do I think I am wrong in saying that every head of department considers it his primary duty to give the taxpayer the best value for his money consistent with efficiency.

At the same time it is only natural that Government activities should expand when revenue is coming in well. And in hard times like the present the urgent necessity of balancing the Budget calls for something more than the ordinary processes of scrutiny. For this reason the Government, as my predecessor said in this Council on the 19th of June, will be delighted if the recommendations of the present Retrenchment Commission make it possible to effect any considerable economies in the business of running the Government.

The total expenditure for 1931 is estimated at the figure of \$29,787,855 which exceeds the total in the Bill now before the Council by the sum of \$6,422,520, this being the estimated amount of the Military Contribution on the 1931 Revenue (\$4,784,290) and the charges on account of public debt (\$1,638,230). The Revenue total is \$27,488,750 and it therefore appears that the Budget has been prepared with the possibility of having to face a deficit of \$2,299,096 at the close of the coming year. Not too favourable a position admittedly, but in all the circumstances not one that need occasion alarm. It will be remembered that for the current year the estimated deficit amounted to approximately four and a half millions.

Surplus Balances.

Appendix A, attached to the Treasurer's Memorandum on Revenue shows that our surplus balance at the end of the current year is estimated at \$5,425,351. While our balances can stand the strain of the estimated deficit for 1931, they are being reduced to too low a figure. It is hoped however that as a result of the Retrenchment Commission's work and of a possible revival in trade of which there are already slight signs, the

deficit next year may prove less than is shown in the Estimates. It will be noted that the total expenditure for 1931 exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by a sum of \$1,484,353 in spite of the drastic cuts to which reference will be made later. The value of these cuts is more than counter-balanced by the lower value of the dollar (1/4d. as against 1/10d.) and the increase of some \$900,000 in the Military Contribution. It should be mentioned that the alteration in salaries resulting from the Salaries Report affects both years equally.

The copies of the Estimates now in the hands of Hon. Members are very fully detailed and annotated, and, leaving salaries on one side, few departures except in the direction of savings from the 1930 Estimates will be found. There are however a few details which will require further explanation to which I will shortly refer. But first I would draw attention to the Summaries which are now, as requested by the Unofficial Members last year, added to each departmental estimate showing as near as may be the total cost of each department.

Department Costs.

Head 1, H.E. The Governor contains an addition of \$2,500 under the sub-head "Furniture" in order to duplicate certain articles which at present have to be frequently conveyed between Mountain Lodge and Government House. This method is entirely uneconomical and the expenditure now asked for may be expected to justify itself in a short time by saving constant transport costs.

Head 2, Cadet Service shows a disproportionate increase over 1930 owing first to the accidental fact that a larger number than usual of Unpassed Cadets (six as against a normal two) are expected to pass their final examinations during 1931, and secondly to the increase, on the recommendation of the Salaries Commission, of the number of Class I posts from five to seven. One retirement is anticipated and one new Cadet has been asked for in the forthcoming competitive examination as it was too late to cancel the advertised vacancy when the Retrenchment Commission had begun its work. Hon. Members will, in the case of these and other sterling salaries, bear in mind that the 1930 figures as printed under the various Heads were considerably supplemented from the Miscellaneous Services vote "High Cost of Living Allowance" which no longer appears in the 1931 Estimates.

Head 3, Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff shows no change in the total number of posts. But a reference to the Personal Emoluments sub-head of the Imports and Exports Office (Head 12) and of the Supreme Court (Head 16) will show a reduction of two posts; against that reduction, however, two additional posts of stenographer who are urgently required have been inserted for approval.

Head 4, Junior Clerical Service similarly shows the same figures as in 1930, but eight posts of Computers to the Royal Observatory have been transferred to the Royal Observatory head as the work was too specialized for inclusion in the Junior Clerical Service generally. The maintenance of the same total therefore implies an increase of eight posts, which is considered necessary as this branch of the service has been very short handed in 1930 and if work is not to be seriously hindered this increase is the minimum required. The distribution of these two clerical services is shown in Appendices I and II.

Head 5, Colonial Secretary's Office: An addition of \$500 to the vote for cleaning of offices is asked for in order that proper supervision may be afforded to this work.

Temporary Post.

Head 6, Treasury. The post of Deputy Treasurer is a temporary one, as Hon. Members are aware and will disappear in the course of next year.

Head 11, Post Office. The considerable increase in transit

charges of \$40,000 is due to the new international rates of carriage of mails, and to the depreciation of the dollar. The new postage rates are an offset to this but I can assure Hon. Members that they are getting their money's worth and more every time they post a letter to England via Siberia.

Head 13, Harbour Department. A small launch as replacement is asked for by the Police for work in shallow waters on the frontier. The only other launch included is a tug for the Sanitary Department's refuse disposal, but it is intended not to authorise the expenditure, if now generally approved, without further reference to the Council. Departments asked for a number of other launches but it is anticipated that retrenchment of launches generally by means of a redistribution of duties may be possible in the course of 1931.

Head 13, B—Air Services. A reduced subsidy of \$50,000 for commercial aviation has been included, as none of this year's vote of \$100,000 has so far been used. It is anticipated however that there may before long be a forward movement in this respect and Government will be prepared to come to the Council for further funds if the case for an increase of the subsidy can be made good. The salary of the Superintendent of Aerodrome is inserted on the new Salaries scale.

I regret an error which appears under Head 13, B, Air Services on page 34 of the printed Estimates. Sub-head 6, an item of "Special Expenditure" entitled "Initial Grant to Flying Club" for which \$50,000 was voted in 1930 should under 1931 show "nil" as this is a non-recurrent item. This will reduce the expenditure for 1931 by this amount. The remark in bracket, "\$300,000 in five years" was erroneously printed in the 1930 Estimates and by an oversight perpetuated this year.

This is not a matter which affects commercial aviation branch subsidy which is a separate matter. Head 14—Royal Observatory. A new post for a stone polisher in connexion with lithographic work is asked for.

Fire Brigade and Police.

Head 15—Fire Brigade, shows a reduction in drivers and fire men and the Special Expenditure, which has in recent years been considerable, has been cut down to a minimum, but there is no reason to think that efficiency has been in any way endangered.

Head 23—Police Force. I would draw attention to the new sub-division "Anti Piracy Guards" under Personal Emoluments (\$91,234 in all) with a corresponding sub-head (\$24,000) under Other Charges, making a total of \$115,234. Hon. Members are aware of the new system under which those Guards are now operated and I will deal with the method of financing it when I come to the new Revenue sub-head opened for this purpose.

Apart from this the Police Estimates call for no special remark except that small additions to the numbers of Constables under the contingents except European (which shows a decrease of 9) have been entered.

Head 24—Prisons Department. A Hydro-extractor is asked for in connexion with the laundry which is one of the chief industries in Victoria Gaol. Personal Emoluments show an addition of one Linotype Operator for the new machine.

Head 25, Medical Department. Many desirable expansions have been unavoidably deferred and the only important additions are the proposed motor dispensary for the mainland and the provision of equipment and staff for the new Maternity Block at Kowloon Hospital. A grant to the Shekling Leprosy Asylum, which is desirable in view of the use which the Colony makes of this Institution, has been inserted. The personnel of the department remains almost as on the 1930 basis. It is not proposed to fill the posts of Secretary to the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Dental Surgeon and Dental Mechanic for

which provision was made in the current year's Estimates.

Sanitary Needs.

Head 26, Sanitary Department. Here it has been impossible to maintain literally the 1930 basis. Engineers and Attendants are necessary for new Bath houses, Drivers for new motor vehicles and Steersmen and Bargemen for new refuse barges. Hon. Members are already aware of the need for the meat porters in connexion with the Sanitary Board's policy for conveying all meat from slaughter house to market stall. A reduction in the number of cleaning coolies is shown. Under Special Expenditure the Board's recommendations have been inevitably cut down to the minimum necessary for a continuation of its efficiency. The motor cars included for approval are to replace two departmental vehicles which have for some years been in a state of disrepair and are now past work.

Head 27, Botanical and Forestry Department calls for a new post of storeman which is considered essential.

Head 28, Education Department. Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools have been reduced of necessity and various other sub-heads of Other Charges show reductions.

Public Works.

Head 29, Public Works Department. A number of officers whose duties are entirely connected with Loan Works have been taken out of the departmental estimates; details appear in Appendix VII. The only additional staff asked for is two Waterworks Inspectors whose appointment has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

The posts of four engineers and four overseers which became vacant this year through retirements, etc., have not been filled and no provision is made for them in 1931 Estimates in view of the smaller programme of work.

Head 30, Public Works Recurrent. Drastic reductions have been made, as will be observed, in almost every item of this vote. The Colony has for long been accustomed to very high standards from the Public Works Department; but, with the devil of necessity driving it is felt that a proper margin of efficiency can still be secured at a lower cost though perhaps a reduction of the finish that adorns the department's work may be necessitated.

Head 31, Public Works Extraordinary. Here again the utmost possible economy has been enforced, and most of the expenditure is in the nature of commitments for works already in hand. We cannot call an absolute halt in the matter of development but when the business of balancing the Budget was taken in hand it was clear that expenditure under this Head beyond a figure of two and a half million dollars simply could not be contemplated and the Director of Public Works has drawn up his programme, or rather cut it down with this figure in his mind: his customary memorandum on the subject is in the hands of Hon. Members. Many desirable items have in the circumstances necessarily been deferred, such as markets and latrines asked for by the Sanitary Board, the C. Block of Kowloon Hospital, Postal developments in the Kowloon Peninsula and of course road extensions. The drastic nature of the cuts made will be realised when I state that the total of the suggestions, requirements and demands received from all Departments under this Head reached a figure exceeding ten million dollars; and the average allocation in the Estimates for the past five years has been over \$3,684,000 though the provision has not usually been expended. No doubt members of this Council will miss from the completed list one work or another which they would have liked included; and equally no doubt variations of the list which would remain "just as good" are possible; but the programme now before you represents the best effort of the

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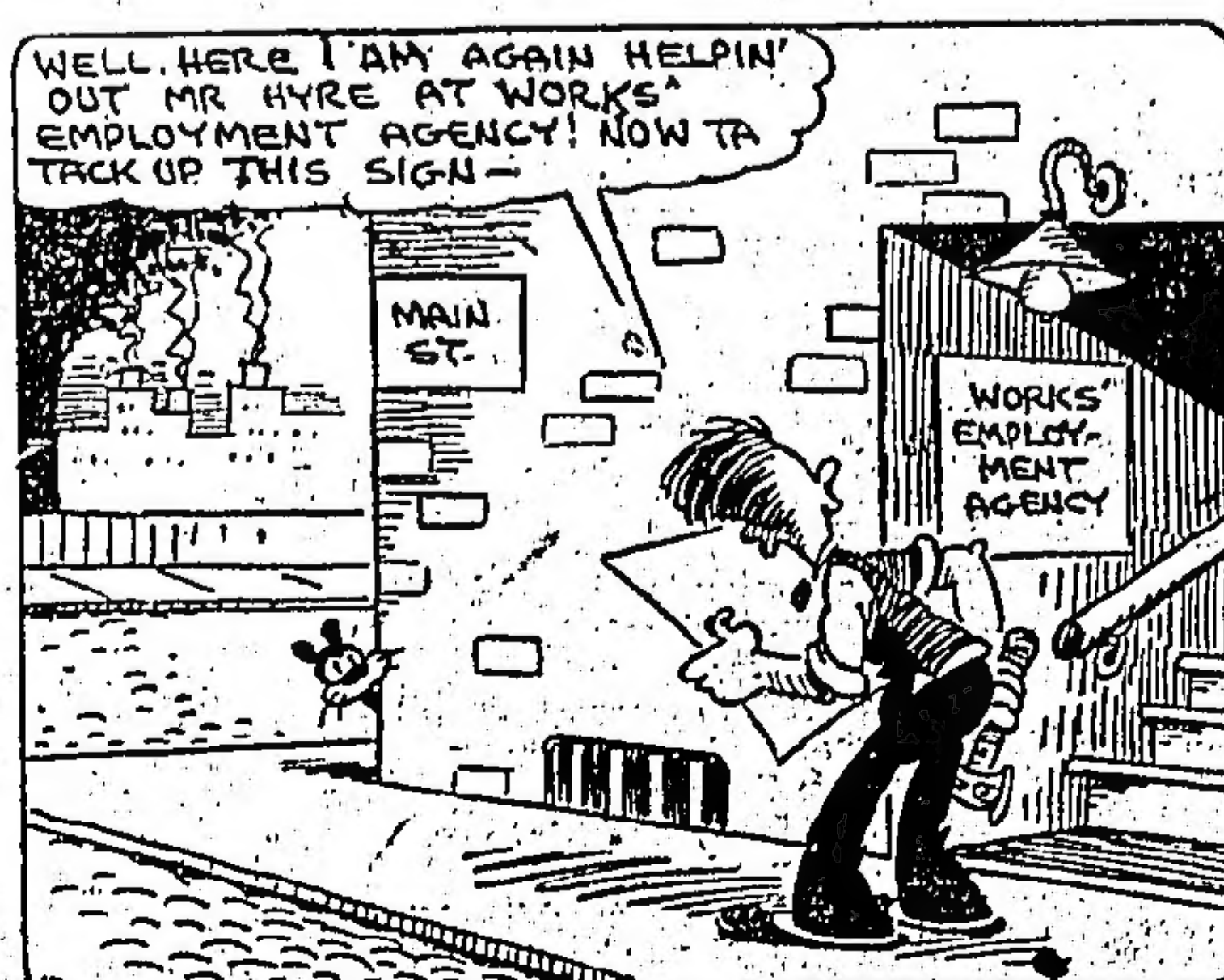
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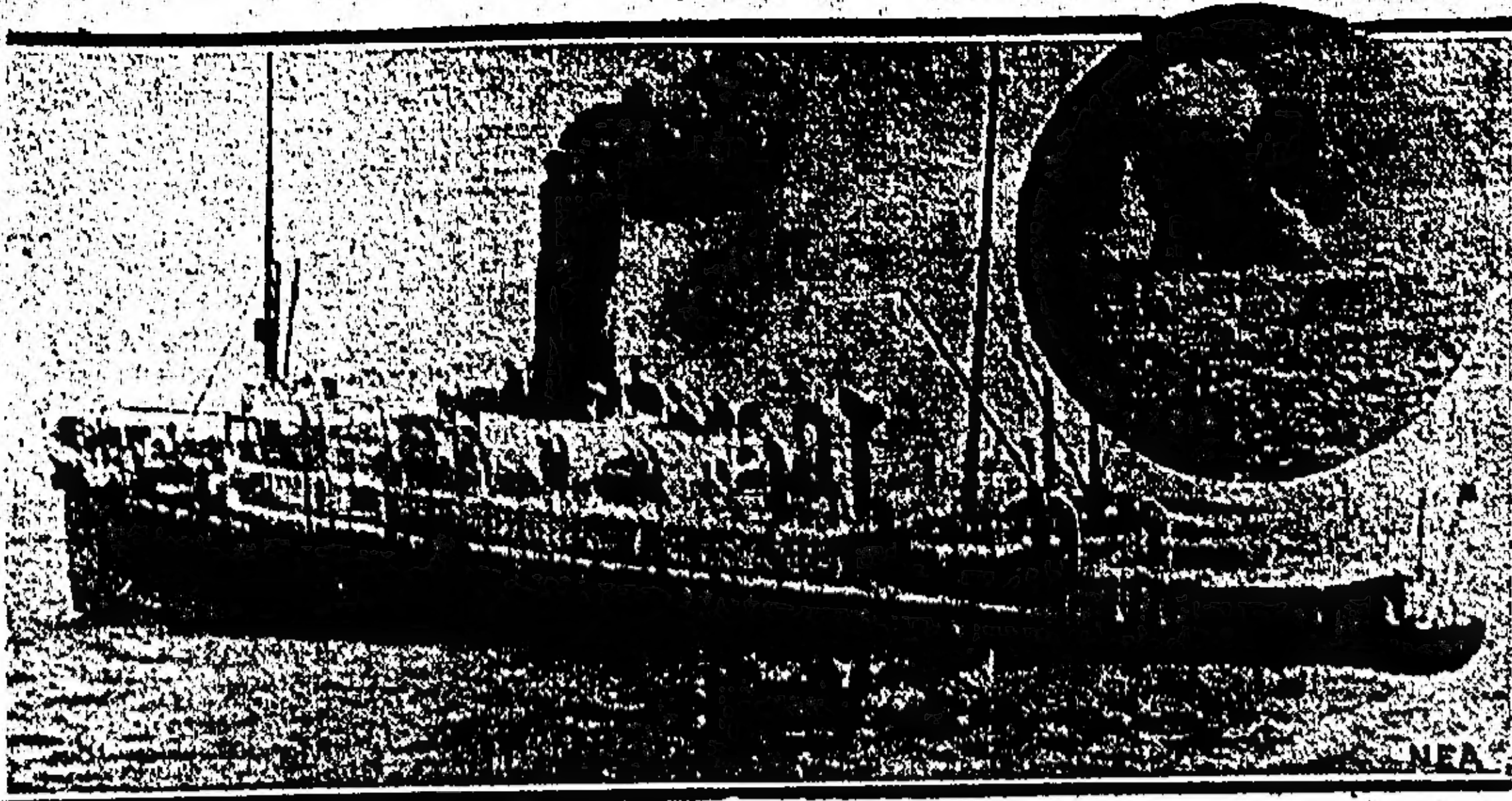
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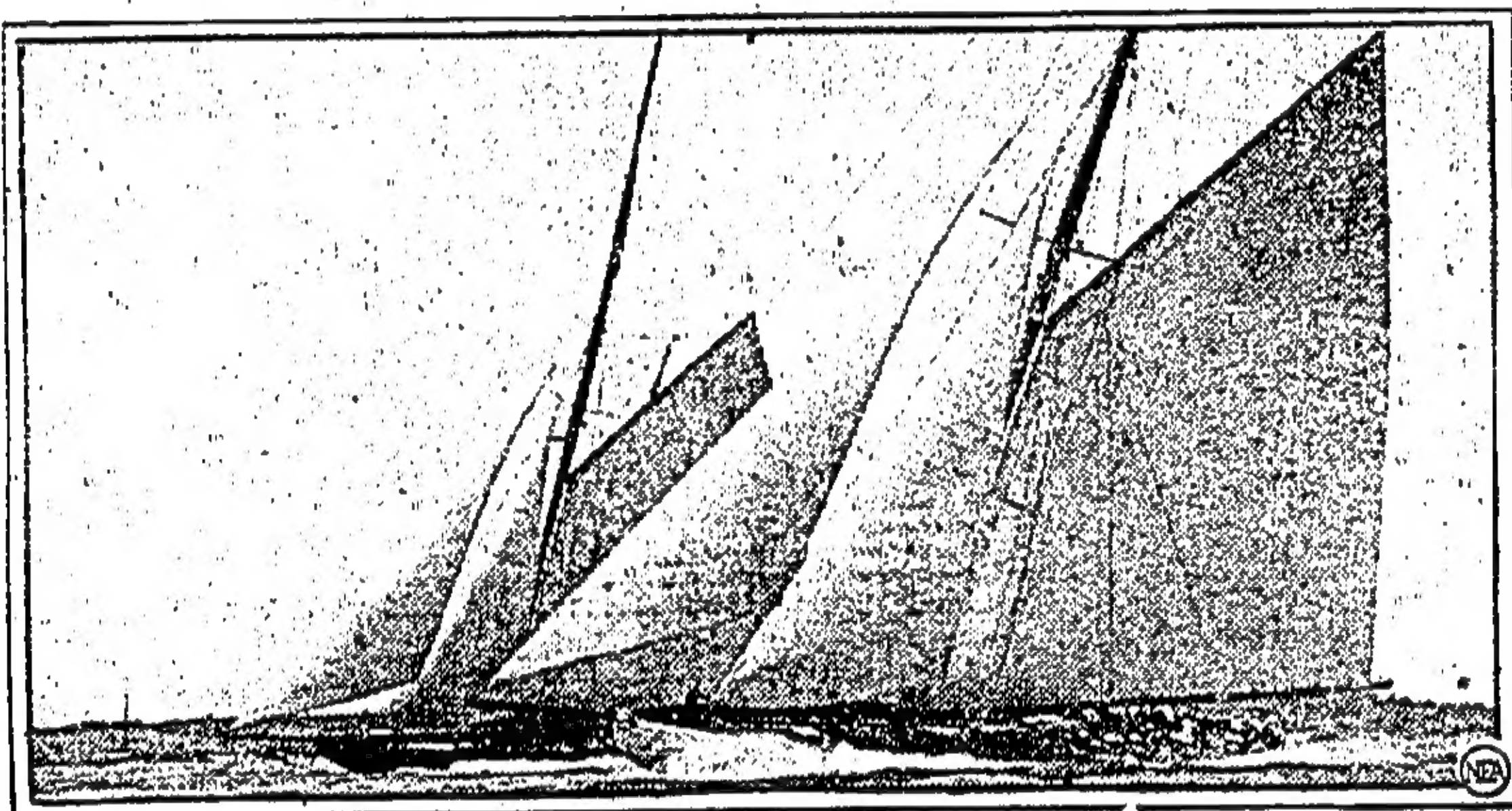




Our picture shows the doomed Australian liner Tahiti settling, and a lifeboat putting off. Inset shows her final plunge. The vessel sank on Aug. 17.



This graphic picture was taken from the deck of the Tahiti and shows a boat putting off.



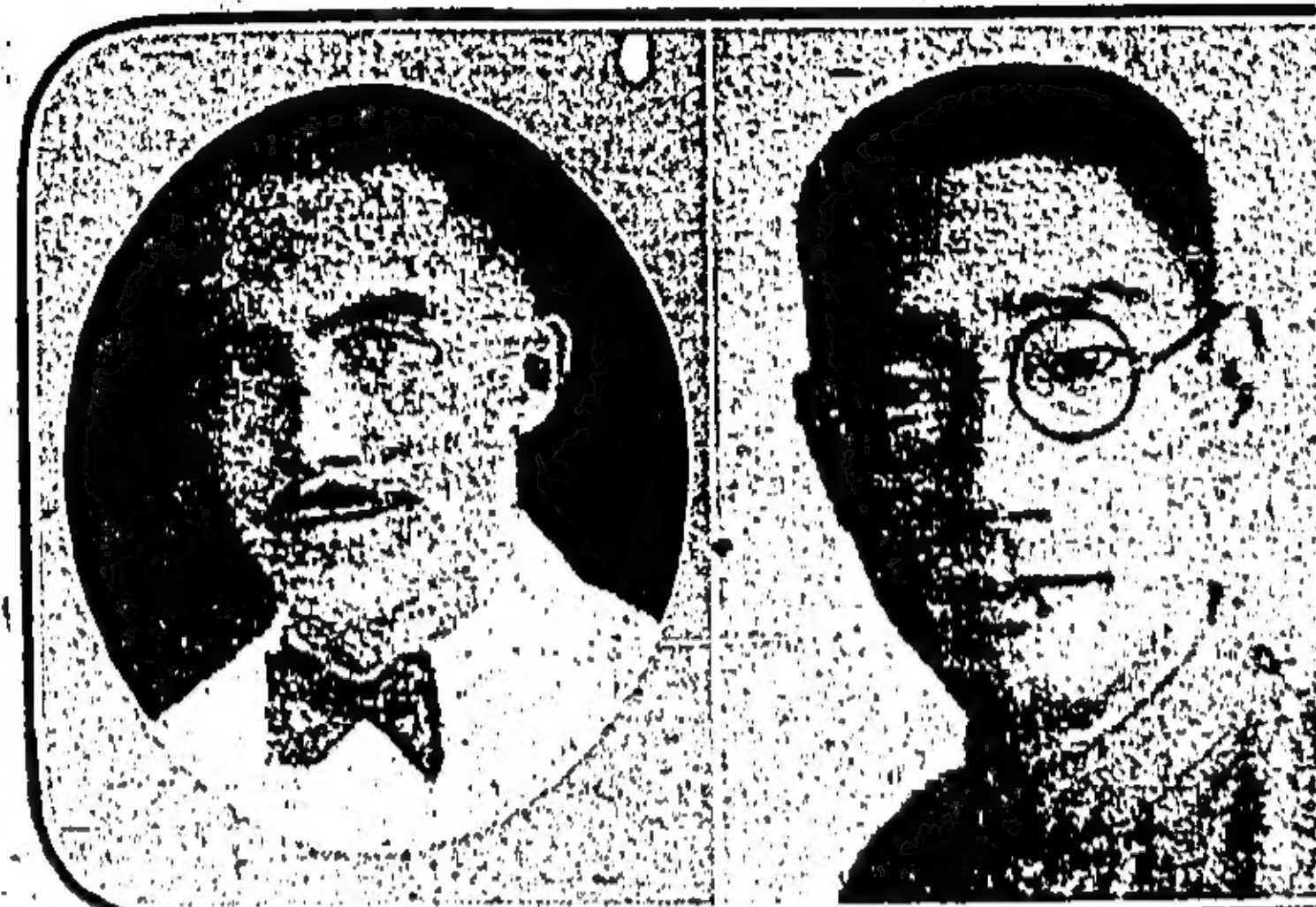
His Majesty's yacht "Britannia" and Mr. A. A. Paton's "Lylworth" are shown in the top picture competing in the race for big yachts at Cowes recently. Lower picture shows the King and Queen leaving the royal yacht after the race. The King, in uniform, is in the centre foreground.



An aeroplane entered a new role recently when two youths injured at an isolated road construction camp were carried to hospital by air. Photo shows one of the injured being put aboard the rescue plane.



Mr. A. A. Yaron, a clever artist now with the "Shanghai Evening Post." Mr. Andrew V. Wu, General Secretary of the National Child Welfare Association at China.



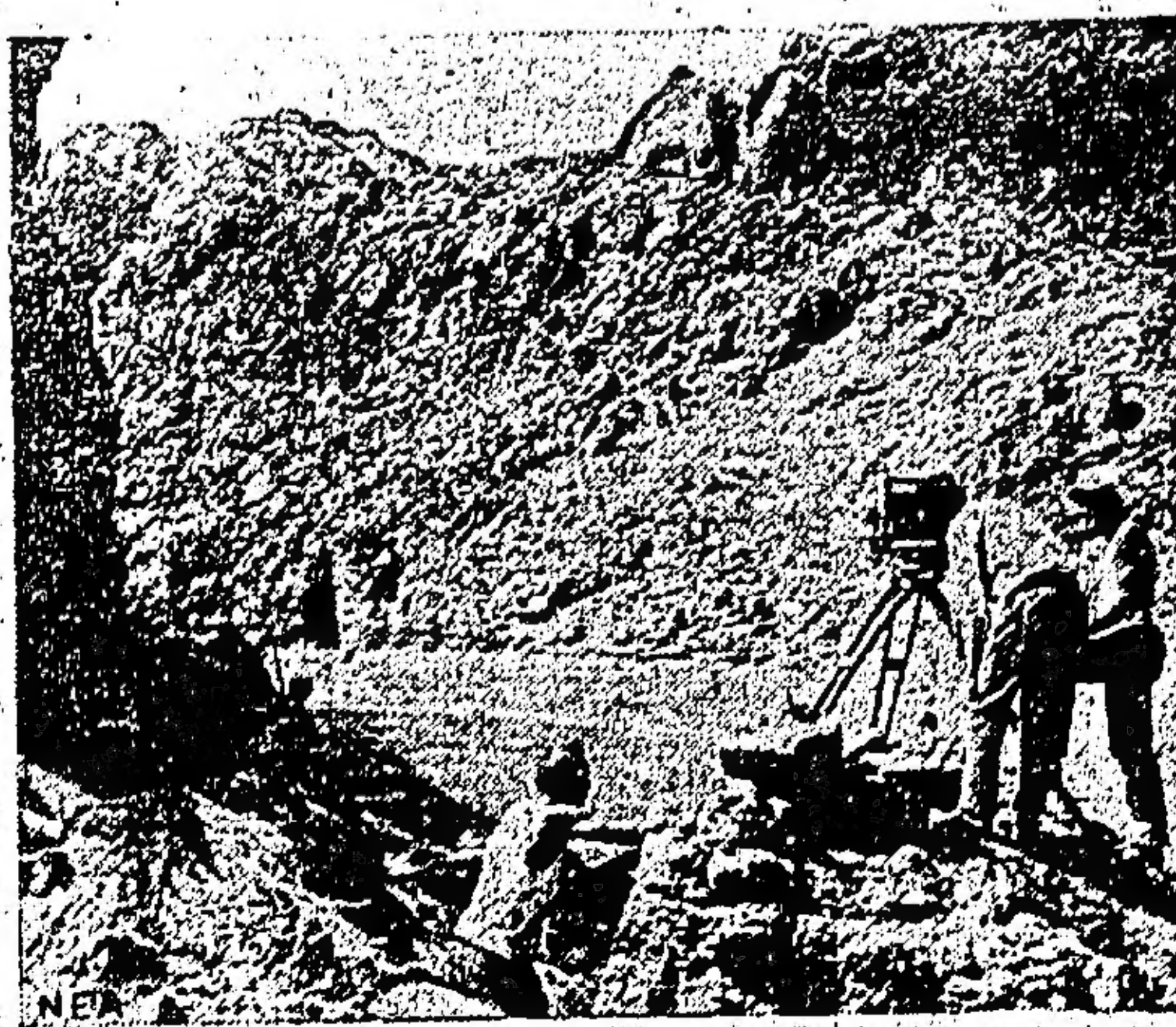
Mr. H. C. Hamlin who is Active Secretary for the Navy Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai. Mr. T. D. Woon, who has been elected member of the Shanghai Municipal Council.



An English bulldog prizewinner and its fair owner, Miss Winifred Ferguson.



St. James R. C. Church was destroyed by fire at Depew, near Buffalo, recently, a remarkable thing being that an image of Christ was practically undamaged.



Surveyors at work on the Boulder Dam site where work has started at last.

OBVIOUSLY, with Autumn in the air, pyjamas are due for reconsideration. The light cotton of Summer gives way to the little heavier poplin or light weight taffeta and wool.

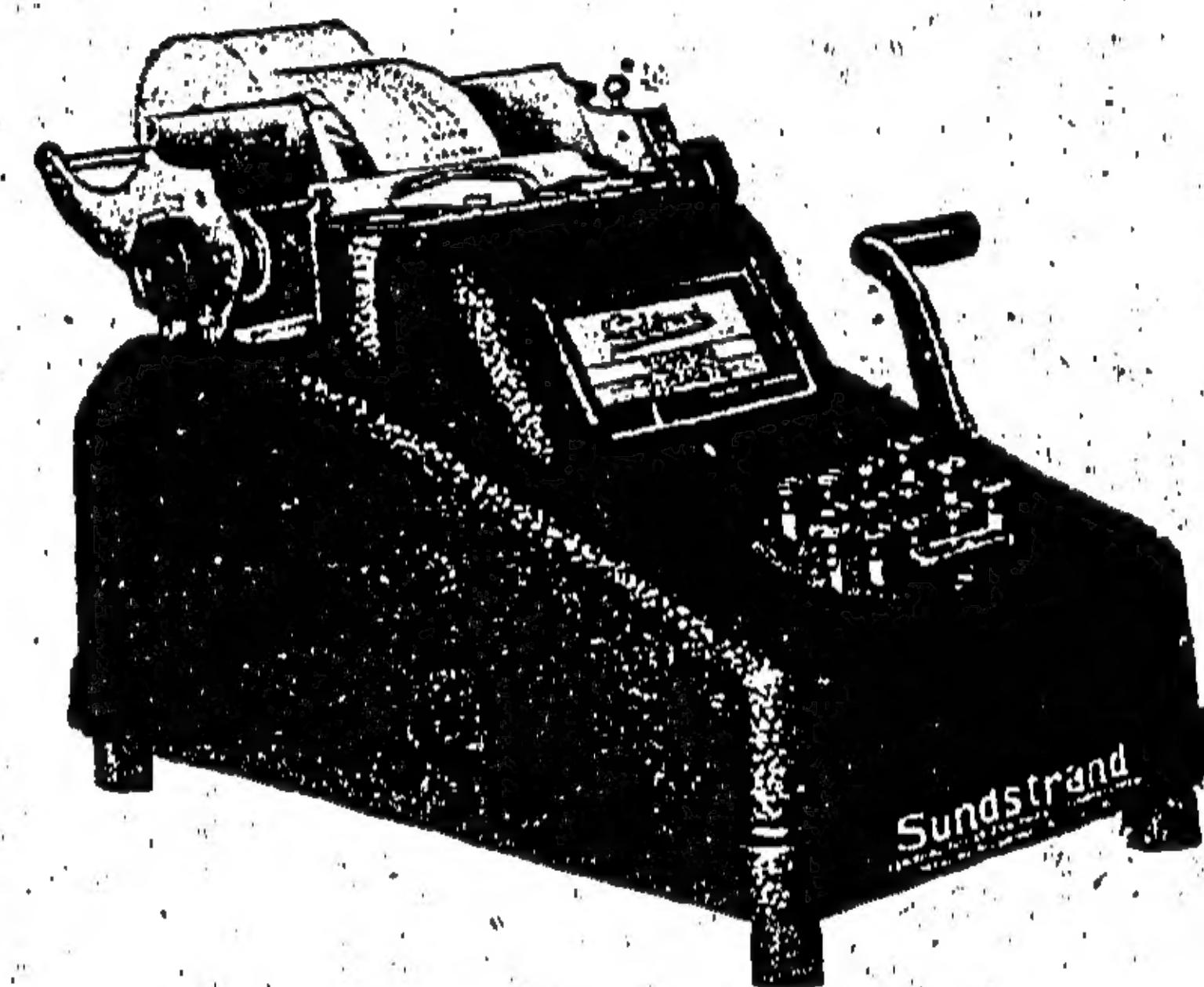


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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday the 6th day of October, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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The Institute will re-open on Tuesday, October 7th. Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

THE VEHICULAR FERRY.

SCHEME APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

In the absence of any Unofficial objections and with a unanimous vote, the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon approved of a resolution authorising the construction of piers in connection with the institution of a vehicular ferry service.

The Colonial Secretary moved: (a) That this Council approves the construction of Piers at Jubilee Street and Jordan Road in connection with the institution of a Ferry service which will include the transport of vehicles at an estimated total cost of \$1,300,000. (b) That this Council authorises the sum of \$100,000 out of the said sum of \$1,300,000 to be charged to a future loan and sanctions in advance of this sum of \$100,000 during the financial year 1930 from the surplus balances of the Colony.

He said: Ferry Piers. At intervals for a number of years past the proposal to construct a Vehicles Ferry has been the subject of discussion in the Colony and the information available was concentrated in Sessional Paper No. 6 of 1928. That paper contains very full details of the whole proposition, though on the financial side I venture to think that a closer study of the traffic would have justified a much brighter picture even then. Since 1928 the question has been more and more often discussed and my feeling of hesitation has been removed by the wide extension of the use of motor cars, by the realization that the Vehicles Ferry will also carry passengers and that therefore the roundabouts will at least pay for the swings until the swings become self-supporting. Applications have in fact been received to undertake the whole work, piers, boats and running and, generally speaking, it must now be accepted that there is a genuine public demand for this ferry and that it will in itself be a not unprofitable business proposition. The linking of the two halves of the Colony has always been a hope held back from fulfilment by the large cost of the schemes proposed to carry it out but the time seems now to have come when a self-supporting scheme will justify the enterprise.

2. The decision reached by the Government after very careful examination, and approved by the Secretary of State, is to undertake at once the construction of the necessary piers and concourse areas on the sites, and broadly speaking in accordance with the plans, set out in the Sessional Paper to which I have referred, the sites being on the Hongkong side the vicinity of Jubilee Street and on the Kowloon side, the end of Jordan Road. This part of the work it is proposed that the Government should itself undertake, the expenditure to be provided in due course from the loan account, but pending the extension of the loan it is proposed temporarily to provide the finance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

Cost Estimates.

3. The total cost of the piers and concourse areas is estimated

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at \$1,300,000 calculated at the current rates of to-day of which sum it is anticipated that \$100,000 will be required in the course of the current year if the work can be taken in hand at once. The preliminary arrangements are practically complete and with the concurrence of the Council in the Resolution now before it, action can be taken with little further delay.

4. It is estimated that two years will be required for the completion of the piers and within that period provision has to be made for the Vehicles Ferry boats themselves. The intention is that they shall be designed to carry a maximum of some 165-seater motor cars or lorries and other vehicles to occupy the same space and shall also have generous accommodation for passengers. Three such boats will be necessary to maintain a regular service but the intervals between trips will remain a matter for experience to dictate. The estimated cost of three vehicles and passenger ferry boats as contemplated is some \$1,300,000. Smaller boats carrying passengers only will run between the trips of the larger boats. These estimates are based on \$1=1/3/4.

5. No final decision has yet been reached as to the best method of dealing with the boats, their construction and their running but it is contemplated that the building and the running should be made a matter for public tender and the terms of the tender and the conditions of the running are to receive immediate consideration. With two years ahead of us there remains a sufficient margin for this difficult question to be thrashed out thoroughly, still leaving time for the tenders and for the construction of the boats before the piers are ready.

6. I should note that the construction of the pier on the Hongkong side will afford an opportunity of which advantage will be taken to provide Pier accommodation for some of the other ferries running in the harbour; and that the expenditure of the sum of \$1,300,000 now requested will obviate the necessity of expending \$500,000 on the rebuilding of the Sham Shui Po and Mong Kok Ferry Wharves on the Hongkong side. This expenditure of \$500,000 will have to be faced unless it is now decided to proceed with the larger scheme dealt with in the Resolution, in which event the two Pier sites referred to will become available for other use.

7. Since this matter was last before the Council, H.E. has met the Unofficials and has discussed the details with them. The information asked for by them was supplied, and is embodied in this introduction of the Resolution. It is hoped that any doubts they may have entertained concerning the wisdom of the Government's proposals have now been removed; and I beg to move the Resolution in its original form.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1515 n.
 Chartered Bank, \$17 n.
 Mercantile & B., \$262 n.
 East Asia \$110 1/2 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1050 b.
 Union Ins., \$447 1/2 n.
 North China Ins., Tls. 160 b
 Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
 China Underwriters, \$280 s.
 China Fires, \$400 b.
 H. K. Fire Ins., \$1080 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$281 b.
 H. K. Steamboats, \$251 s.
 Indo-China, (Def.) \$35 n.
 Union Waterboats \$32 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$9 n.
 Kailans, \$6 3/4 n.
 Langkate, Tls. 81 n.
 S'hai Explorations, Tls. 130 b.
 Raubs, \$23 1/2 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$160 s.
 Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
 China Provident, \$5 10 b. (Old)
 Hongkew, Tls. 280 b.
 New Engineering, Tls. 730 n.
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 122 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 121 n.
 S'hai Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. & S. Hotels, \$11300 sa.
 H. K. Lands, \$75 s. (Old)
 do. \$73 1/2 b. (New)
 S'hai Lands Tls. 305 b.
 Humphreys, \$16 b.
 Realities, \$350 b.
 Chinese Estates \$37 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways \$18 b
 Peak Tram (old) \$1360 n.
 Star Ferries, \$33 s.
 China Light, (Old) \$25 s.
 H. K. Electric, \$79 s.
 Macao Electric, \$23 n.
 Telephones \$35 n.
 China Buses, Tls. 181 n.
 Singapore Traction, 8/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugar, \$110 n.
 Malabons, \$27 n.
 Cold Mac. Ord. Tls. 1075 n.
 Canton Ice, \$5 s.
 Cements (Comb.) \$1775 s.
 Ropes \$11 b.
 United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$2660 s.
 Watsons, \$1190 n.
 Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
 Lane Crawford, \$375 b.
 Mackintosh, \$19 b.
 Sinceres, \$1160 n.

Miscellaneous.

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TROUBLE BREWING.

JARDINE'S AND B. & S. MEN WANT MORE MONEY.

Unless a satisfactory answer is given to-night by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Butterfield and Swire, 3,500 seamen will go on strike. They demand an increase of \$1 a month and a further increase of \$2 from March next year. The companies concerned, it is reported, are disinclined to consider the demands.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE CHU-MO "REDS" AGAIN ACTIVE.

NEW THREAT TO NANCHANG AND KIUKIANG.

Peking, Oct. 2.
 "Red" bandit activities are again causing anxiety on the Yangtze.
 The "Red" leaders Chu and Mo are reported to be threatening to attack Nanchang and Kiukiang from the west, and some apprehension is felt as the Government troops at Kiukiang at present number only 2,000.—*Reuter.*

During 1929, 37,786 rats were caught in Hongkong and 47,631 in Kowloon by the Sanitary Department. Twenty-eight members of the cleansing staff were employed during the year setting traps, birdlime boards and rat poison; also collecting rats from street, rat-bins, private premises, etc., and taking them to the Public Mortuary for examination. Special campaigns in March and April were undertaken when rat-poison was distributed throughout urban districts.

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Macao	4 cents for each oz. or part of an oz.
China proper, excluding Sinkiang, Mongolia and Tibet	14 cents for the first oz. and 8 cents for each additional oz. or part of an oz.
Foreign Countries generally	14 cents for the first oz. and 8 cents for each additional oz. or part of an oz.

The special rate of 2 cents per 4 ozs. on newspapers published in the Colony and addressed to Hongkong, United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates, China and Macao has been abolished and the rate of 2 cents per 2 ozs. substituted therefor.
 Circulars for addresses in the Colony or Wei Hail Wei, which are posted in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight, and which are posted by being delivered to an officer of the Post Office, are now charged postage at the rate of 2 cents for each 2 ozs. or part of 2 ozs. instead of 1 cent per 2 ozs. as heretofore.

On and after Wednesday 1st October the entrance to the Parcels Delivery Section of the General Post Office will be in Des Voeux Road opposite Messrs. Whiteaway & Laidlaw's Store.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	October 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 5th Sept.)		October 4.
Europe via Siberia (London 15th Sept.)		October 4.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Johnson	October 4.
Japan	Nollere	October 4.
Manila	Brisbane Maru	October 5.
Japan	Pres. McKinley	October 5.
Europe via Nagasaki, papers only (London 4th September)	Chichibu Maru	October 5.
London (Parcels 28th August) and Straits	Namsang	October 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 18th September)	Telesias	October 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 12th September)	Empress of Asia	October 5.
Amoy and Swatow	Pres. Jefferson	October 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Cremor	October 8.
	October 10.	

OUTWARD MAILS.

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For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	Kwong Kung	Fri., Oct. 3, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Yasukuni Maru	Fri., Oct. 3, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	4.30 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th October.)	
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., Oct. 3, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Havre Maru	Sat., Oct. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Manila and Brisbane	Brisbane Maru	Sat., Oct. 4, 4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	4.15 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane 19th October.)	
Saigon	Telemachus	Sat., Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sinkiang	Sat., Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard	Wing Wo	Sat., Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Johnson	Sat., Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Holihow	Kiungchow	Sun., Oct. 5, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozen Haru	Sun., Oct. 5, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Mon., Oct. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Oct. 6, 3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Oct. 6, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	4.15 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 27th Oct.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Oct. 7, 1 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Tues., Oct. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Chip Shing	Tues., Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Nam Sang	Tues., Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausung	Wed., Oct. 8, 10 a.m.
Cremor	Cremor	Thurs., Oct. 9, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang	Thurs., Oct. 9, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Thurs., Oct. 9, 1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Oct. 10, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Sat., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Oct. 9, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Oct. 11, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	Oct. 9, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Oct. 11, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 7th Nov.)	

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN COLLIERY.

FOURTEEN MEN KILLED NEAR WAISALL.

London, Oct. 2.
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FRIDAY, OCT 3 1930

THE BUDGET.

We shall be surprised and disappointed if the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council do not, at the second reading of the Finance Bill, strongly protest against the tax provisions of the Budget for the coming year. Most of us were prepared for some increase of taxation, but very few imagined that it would be either so heavy or spread over so many headings. The present year started with a balance or over nine million dollars, and even up to the end of June not only did this remain intact, but there was a considerable addition on the credit side. It now appears, however, that the year will end with not much more than five millions in hand. What is more, even this latter sum is expected to be reduced to a little over three millions by the time we reach the end of 1931. We cite these figures to show the extent to which the Colony is living on its capital.

The seriousness of the position with which we are faced is mainly attributed by the Colonial Secretary to the aftermath of the Great War. All we can say on that point is that the Government has, in all conscience, gone back far enough to discover the cause. The ex-Kaiser seems to have been responsible for a very great deal more than most people think! If we cut out generalities, however, and come down to hard facts, it must be admitted that the real reason for the plight in which Hongkong finds itself is that its cost of Government has risen out of all proportion to its income. We cited figures yesterday showing how Personal Emoluments have tremendously risen during the past three years, and it will suffice now to direct attention to the fact that from a revenue of some 27½ million dollars expected to accrue during the coming year, no less than 11½ millions will be absorbed in salaries and wages of our Civil Servants. The recent increases, which were forced through the Council in face of Unofficial opposition, have, of course, materially added to the increase under this heading. Sterling commitments in other directions have naturally been a factor as well, and here it is well to observe that in budgeting on a 1s. 4d. dollar for the coming year the Government takes a risk of further losses.

Coming now to the taxation proposals, the only new source to be tapped is the Amusement Tax, the details of which have not yet been

worked out. On principle, however, there can be no objection to such an impost. The remainder of the increased revenue is to be derived from adding to existing forms of taxation. The most serious of these is the proposal to raise the Assessment Tax by four per cent. This will hit business people and householders alike, and for that reason will be extremely unpopular. In particular, the additional burdens placed on the trade and commerce of the Colony by way of the higher Assessment Tax, the increased harbour charges and the enhanced Stamp Duties, come at a most inappropriate time. We are told that trade is beginning to take a turn for the better. That may be so, although at the moment there is very little evidence of it. Even so, however, could anything be more likely to put a brake on expansion than these fresh imposts? Rates may be the fairest form of taxation so far as their incidence is concerned, and they may be easy and economical to collect, but that does not make the burden any easier to bear. It may also be true that the majority of shipping companies either operate on a sterling basis or have increased their dollar charges, but the fact remains that the raising of harbour charges is against the current tendency to remove obstacles to commerce rather than to add to them. Hongkong's very life depends on its shipping, and anything that adds to shipping costs must of necessity have unfortunate reactions.

We have not the space at the moment in which to dilate further upon the Budget proposals, except once again to counter the age-worn argument that we are a lightly-taxed community. When will the Government realise that our relative good fortune in this matter is more than offset by the high standard of living, which must of necessity be further added to by the proposed heavier taxation? For the rest, we can only hope that the Retrenchment Committee will with all speed possible complete its arduous labours and by its proposals indicate the means whereby relief can be obtained from our present plight. Above all, the Government must be brought to a realisation of the fact that it is spending far more money than the Colony can really afford.

Driving Fitness.

The regulations laid down under the Road Traffic Act governing the issue of driving licences in Great Britain should give general satisfaction. They are framed on sound commonsense lines with a view to the public welfare, having clearly benefited by the same broad outlook which gave the original Bill the distinction of being the most important piece of social legislation introduced by the existing government. In future, the applicant for a driving licence will be required to establish a certain degree of fitness for the responsibility. Liability to fits will be a definite bar, and the ability to see reasonably well will also be an essential requirement. Compulsory insurance against third-party risks is another important feature of the new regulations, which are an added necessity in view of the new liberty conceded to users of the road by the main provisions of the Road Traffic Act, which, among other things, recognises no speed limit, or rather, that there is no limit which is always and everywhere the right limit. There are conditions in which fifty or sixty miles an hour is quite safe, and there are conditions under which a mere crawl might be dangerous. The onus of care and consideration is now upon the driver, though the penalties for the abuse of a new-found freedom have been commensurately increased. The issue of the licence regulations is interesting in drawing attention to the fact that the Road Traffic Act consists largely of a framework laying down the matters on which the Minister of Transport is to issue regulations. The code itself, on whose punctilious observance it entirely depends, is not drawn up or has not been published. Its provisions are left to Mr. Herbert Morrison, subject only to eventual Parliamentary approval. The Minister is even less fettered in his power to make other regulations, only the right of disapproval being reserved. This arrangement whereby administration is almost divorced from legislation may serve in the future as a desirable precedent in matters of similar kind.

DAY BY DAY

IT IS FAR BETTER TO PIN A ROSE IN A MAN'S COAT THAN TO SEND TWENTY WREATHS TO HIS FUNERAL.
—E. H. Manley.

Passengers leaving by the s.s. Empress of Japan yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prissall, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. J. A. Plummer.

Whilst engaged in digging the foundation on a site at the junction of Shanghai Street and Mongkok Road, yesterday, workmen unearthed a human skeleton. No suspicious circumstances are attached to the find.

Suffering from injuries received as a result of a fall whilst working on a building site near the Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Chan, 33, an earth cooler, was killed almost instantly. His body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

A pickpocket, with five previous convictions, was sent to prison for four months by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, after evidence had been given of how he endeavoured to rob a passenger on a Yau-mat ferry of a purse.

His Excellency Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., Patron of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has consented to present the Long Service Medals, Medallions and Labels to those Brigade members who are entitled to receive them, on Monday, October 5th at 5 p.m. at King's College.

The collapse of the roof and side wall of the machine shed on the old premises of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, at the junction of Nathan Road, and Soy Street, was reported to the police yesterday morning. The collapse occurred at about 4.30 a.m., but nobody was injured.

Suspected of having taken part in an armed robbery at No. 7, Victoria Street last month, a Chinese was discharged by Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning after the officer in charge of the case had stated that the police could not "make more of him than the word of an informer."

Arrested with 28 tael of prepared opium concealed around her waist, a Chinese woman, who appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, was fined \$2,000 or four months' imprisonment in default. The woman, who was arrested on the Praya West, stated that the opium had been given to her to carry.

Charged with kidnapping two girls, a woman named Ho Kiu was remanded for 24 hours in Police custody on an application by Detective Sergeant S. Smith, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs this morning. It was stated that a further charge might be preferred against the prisoner on the production of the children.

D. B. WYNDHAM LEWIS introduces SOME GOOD COMPANIONS.

TO return to the things that matter . . . About the time, quite recently, when England shuddered and men went to and fro repeating with ashen lips that another Australian cricketer had stomach-ache, I so far derided our national mourning and scoffed at honour and decency as to spend an afternoon revelling carelessly in strawberries and cream with a lovely lady at the Zoo.

It has been said—probably by Mr. E. V. Lucas—that if any man doubts that the Creator of the stars, *Creator alme siderum*, has a sense of humour he should look at the hippopotamus. We, the lovely lady and I looked, not only at the hippopotamus but at the Great African Hornbill and his brothers. The Great African Hornbill is more grotesquely comical than any drawing in that antique collection, falsely attributed to Rabelais, called the Droll Dreams of Panurge; more grotesque than anything by Goya; more solemnly absurd than anything by Edward Lear.

The lady, who is undergoing an expensive education, and whose command of the English tongue is therefore considerable, thought him too perfectly adorable. It was obvious to both of us that the Creator of the Hornbill, the Hippopotamus, the Jix, the mystic-cards Nordic and Slav, of the forest-colony of Fontainebleau, and so many other creatures at once fantastic and decorative, has most certainly a sense of humour.

One should collect such fauna, as I do. They alleviate the pain of life. My own collection is fairly large, and I intend leaving it ultimately to the nation. Like Mr. Evelyn Waugh, I particularly esteem the rich, and especially the female of that species. In my collection of grotesques there are some rich women whose considered judgments on life, death, food, books, men, and cognate matters, uttered in my presence and carefully preserved by me, I take out now and again, dust very reverently, and replace, for they are precious.

Recently I have added (West Room IV., Case VII.) the only female bishop in the world—a product of the fertile soil of Nordic America, she who said recently in an interview in the English newspapers:

"So far, women have been the victims of men . . . Men have turned women out into the world half-dressed. That will have to be stopped."

Thus Bishop Alma White, founder of the Pillar of Fire Society. You will find her in my collection very near a fine stuffed Don who upholds the accuracy of Macaulay and a Cleric who wants to disprove the supernatural by means of a chemical process.

Life would be dark without any of these. I also have, in an annex, an attractive section devoted to scandals: not the ordinary kind of scandal which occurs from time to time in Parliamentary Business and social circles, but those special scandals which shake England to her very foundations. The newest of these you may not have heard about, for it has been hushed up. I will now reveal it.

Towards the end of the luncheon interval during the last Test match at Lord's a man I know, possessing a rover ticket, perceived in the Members' Seats, and hailed with courtesy, a member of the M.C.C. known to him.

The member invited him to sit for a few moments (in order that they might talk with greater ease) in the Sacred Enclosure, where the King himself may not sit when he goes to Lord's.

While they talked the interval ended, and the member gently intimated that it was time for the outsider to retire to those disgusting purloins in which the populace or rabble are permitted to assemble during a Test match.

The outsider, flushed with insolence and wine, said he was hanged if he would; and accordingly, though attendants hovered perpetually, yelling their eyes and yet afraid to speak, he slipped off his rover badge and stayed there in the Holy Seats; and despite the consternation and murmurs around him thoroughly enjoyed the rest of the day's play.

A special emergency meeting of the M.C.C. was held that same night. Everybody knows that when a suicide (a Nordic sport introduced into Europe by German Thought in the XVIII. century) has taken place in a church that church has to be reconsecrated.

In the same way it was resolved to purge Lord's of its shame by a simple ceremony of rededication to first-class cricket; and this ceremony (at which an Archbishop presided) was accordingly held behind closed gates a few days afterwards, in the presence of the Sacred College of the M.C.C., each wearing the little gold cricket-bat on the watch chain.

The simple proceedings, directed by a Ceremoniarus whose duty it was to see that nothing ceremonial crept into the ceremony, were concluded (so my informant swears) by the informal burying of a groundsman under the north wicket, and all dispersed.

There is a sequel to this story, but it begins to resemble the familiar Tannhauser legend so closely that I can scarcely believe it. Apparently the intruder, stricken with remorse, went by night and begged forgiveness of the Chairman of the M.C.C., who, handing him a cricket bat, said sternly: "When and if this bat bursts into flower, then, and then only, will your sin be forgiven." Since when (I am told) the bat has flowered into a sheaf of the most beautiful Arum lilies, showing the intruder to be truly penitent and pardoned.

You who care for England; you to whom England is dearer than life; you who hail the spirit of Drake, Hawkins, Raleigh, Fro-bisher, Nelson, Keyes, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Old Uncle Tom Cobl—I beg your pardon: I was thinking of something else! Nevertheless, I beg you seriously to meditate this story. It is more significant and less grotesque than you imagine.

* What is technically called a "reserved" sin can be dealt with only by certain appointed officials.
—Daily Mail.



"But a nice thing about not being of the best families, Mrs. Parvenu, is that you don't have to prove it."

NEW N.Y.K. MOTOR
SHIP IN PORT.MAIDEN VOYAGE JAPAN
TO EUROPE.

NEARLY 12,000 TONS.

Yesterday evening saw the arrival of another new N.Y.K. motor vessel, this being the Yasukuni Maru, which is on her maiden voyage from Yokohama to Europe. She is the latest vessel to be placed into service by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in accordance with their expansion programme and is a valuable addition to the N.Y.K. Europe-Orient service.

Under the command of Capt. Naichi Segawa, a popular commander of the N.Y.K., the Yasukuni Maru left Yokohama on September 22 for Shanghai, from where she sailed for Hongkong on September 30. She arrived here yesterday evening bringing 147 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 5,995 tons for through ports.

The Yasukuni Maru is a motor passenger ship of 11,800 tons gross and is a twin ship of the Terukuni Maru, which is already on the Japan-Europe service. With a displacement of 19,150 tons, the new vessel is 505 feet long, 64 feet in breadth and 37 feet in depth. She has five decks and is fitted with the most up-to-date navigation and safety appliances.

No effort has been spared to provide the utmost comfort for passengers and the arrangements of the various passenger quarters on this vessel are the result of the long experience of the Company and the careful study of the accommodation of some of the most recent liners.

LABOUR M.P. ON
RUBBER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

before prices would be in a position to act as governor to stimulate production, they would have to go up a great deal.

"I dislike all this talk about economic laws. Does anybody suppose that in the period of restriction economic laws were asleep? If we artificially raise prices we artificially stimulate production. Economic laws were far from being asleep during the period of restriction: they were very wide awake.

Economic War.

"The line of argument contained in the pronouncement is that economic laws must be allowed to take their course in the hope that stabilisation of rubber prices will be realised. I agree entirely that that must be our policy. Rubber prices must be regulated by competition as no other way is available. If it had been possible by social action that would have been infinitely better.

"The process of competition is nothing short of economic war and when one is undertaking war one should make clear in one's own mind what is one's objective. In our economic war there are one or two factors of which we are not aware. We do not know what price is needed to remove the native producer or reduce the plantation product to any given amount. The war is being fought to find out.

"I believe that most of us who have studied this problem think that the size of our objective would be fairly indicated by seeing that 25 per cent. of production is cut for a period of a year and restriction of production is continued for some time—how long I leave to wiser prophets to say. But I will make one prophecy.

A Prophecy.

I believe that in 1934 the potential production of rubber is likely to amount to at least twice the consumption of 1930. Twice this year's consumption could be produced this year, in fact, if your price governor made it worth while. But what I have predicted indicates that for a long period your price governor is likely to be a depressing rather than a stimulating factor, which in itself indicates the magnitude of the war."

If Rubber Were Free.

After suggesting that a market price of 4d. might not bring about a substantial reduction but that 3d. might be effective, the speaker continued:

"I am no gloomy individual, but I do want to face the facts and enter into a realisation of what the issues are. There are optimists who talk of the enormously increased uses to which rubber could be put. That is very cheerful, of course, but rubber is, generally speaking, in the unfortunate position of being a mere component in an article in which its price plays a very small part. I doubt if, on the assumption that rubber became free, the consumption of motor-cars would increase by two per cent.

NEW SWEEPSTAKE
LEGISLATION.BILL PASSES ITS FIRST
READING.

Seven new Bills were read a first time in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the most interesting being that which, on certain conditions, legalises sweepstakes.

In moving the first reading of this Bill, which amends the Gambling Ordinance of 1891, the Hon. Attorney General said:—The object of this Bill is to relax the provisions of that Ordinance so as to permit club sweepstakes on horse and pony races, provided they are conducted with the approval of the Police. The Ordinance of 1891, like many prohibitive ordinances, has been honoured more by the breach than by observance by many people who are otherwise considered law-abiding. As long as those sweeps were small there was no reason why the Government should interfere, but in recent years they have reached such proportions that, in fairness both to the clubs themselves and to the Government, it has become necessary to take action. In some clubs, such as the Shanghai Race Club, the sale of tickets has been altogether abolished. This Ordinance does not go so far as that, but permits the sale of tickets on the course to people who attend race meetings, thus giving attendants of race meetings a privilege which otherwise would be confined to the membership of the club organising the sweepstake. But, generally speaking, the sale of tickets is to be discouraged. It must be within the recollection of members that there have been many cases, both in this Colony and elsewhere, where there have been rival claimants for a winning ticket and there has been at least one case in which there was no claimant at all for the winning ticket, so that the club got the benefit both of its percentage and what would otherwise have been distributed among the subscribers. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

LADIES' NIGHT AT
Y.M.C.A.

The European Y.M.C.A. enjoyed a stimulating send-off for its big winter programme of social events yesterday, when the first of the "Ladies' Nights" was held.

This ever-popular function was again marked with success, a large gathering enjoying to the full a splendid musical programme, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cornelius, and contributed to by several leading local artists.

Mr. G. W. E. True, whose syncretised tempering with the piano have placed him amongst the best local exponents of modern rhythm, was, in excellent form, and vastly entertained the audience with some characteristic arrangements of current popular numbers.

Mrs. Doris Bliley's rich soprano singing was quite a feature of the evening, her rendition of "My Hero" classing her as an accomplished artist.

Mrs. J. J. Cornelius sang "The Handyman" with pleasing effect, and together with Mr. Cornelius gave the duet "Love is Meant to make us Glad" by special request. Mr. Cornelius also contributed a song later in the evening.

Two monologues by Mr. S. M. West were thoroughly enjoyed, and Dick Barry again exploited his versatility at the piano and as a recitator.

A competition during the interval, which taxed the ingenuity of the competitors, assisted in making the evening go with a swing, and there was a general regret when the programme came to a conclusion.

The arrangements were again in the hands of the Y.M.C.A. Social Committee, and were eminently satisfactory, and the success of this opening night augurs well for the future events connected with the "Y.M."

In his concluding remarks Mr. Denman emphasised that war did entail sacrifice. "There will be hardship and real individual and personal distress," he said. "I feel sure London will take its part in the common sacrifice—indeed, I should be ashamed of London if it did not—but you will see its outward and immediate effects more rapidly than those of us in London.

"I hope that the spirit that unites you in Rotary will be displayed throughout the industry so that there will be a common feeling and desire to help the more unfortunate people over the stile. I hope there will be a self-reliant determination in the whole industry to do its best for all its members." (Applause.)

NOTORIOUS "RED"
JOURNAL.SHANGHAI'S WORST PAPER
LOCATED.

SEVENTEEN ARRESTS.

Shanghai, Sept. 27. After weeks of searching for the presses responsible for printing the Communist newspaper *Red Flag*, the Municipal Police discovered the plant early yesterday morning in the Wayside District.

The offices were raided and seventeen persons were detained and are being held for interrogation. All movable printing equipment was seized, including several newspaper forms already made up and ready for the presses.

The discovery of the printing offices of the newspaper for which the Municipal, French and Chinese police have been searching for

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT.

Topical Selection of Pictures.

Many pictures of topical interest will appear in tomorrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Art Supplement.

There will be photographs taken in connexion with the wedding of Mr. A. Prissall and Miss Jessie Harris Walker, and of Mr. J. H. Rogers and Miss E. A. Roberts; groups of the St. Joseph's College Boy Scouts and Ambulance Brigade detachment; a picture of the members of the Wasp Concert Party; and another of Pipe-Major Mackie, of Hongkong, at Banff, Canada, where he took part in the Highland Gathering.

Last Saturday's Races will be illustrated, and there will also be a picture of the winning crew, from the s.s. *Mausang*, of the Trevesa Trophy.

Other photos will include portraits of 2nd. Lieut. J. H. Lawrence, of the Defence Corps, and of the two young sons of the Governor of Macao.

THOS. COOK'S LATEST
ENTERPRISE.FREE SCHOLASTIC ADVICE
TO PARENTS.

As a result of the numerous requests received every year from parents and guardians for assistance in selecting schools for their charges, Thos. Cook & Son have organised a Scholastic department. This Department will deal with such requests, which come from all parts of the world, through information obtained at first-hand—by visits to the schools, interviews with headmasters, etc.

Thus the Department will be in a position to inform parents who are unable to undertake such a task themselves, of the particular merits of schools, and to give unbiased advice as to which best fits the child's requirements.

This service is rendered entirely free of charge. It is carried on by personal interview or by post from Cook's Head Office in Berkeley Street. Enquiries may be forwarded through any of their Far Eastern Offices.

Arriving here from Yokohama and Sekito, the master of the O.S.K. vessel *Havre Maru* has reported to the Harbour Office that during the voyage to Hongkong, the Chief Officer, the name of whom was not given, died suddenly of heart-failure.

Mr. W. L. Handyside M.A., B.Sc. will deliver a lecture to the Education Society on "If Teachers were Kings" on Monday, October 6, 1930, at 5 p.m. in The Union Assembly Room of The University. The lecture is open to the public, and all interested are cordially welcome.

CRIPPLE WOMAN
CHARGED.CASE WHICH SHOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT.

An Indian constable brought a deformed woman, who was unable to stand on her feet, before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning and charged her with committing a breach of the conditions of her licence by selling cigarettes after 10 p.m.

The woman was taken to the Station at 2 o'clock in the morning, and Inspector Dick explained that if he had the case in the first instance, he would not have charged the woman. It was, of course, an offence to sell cigarettes after 10 p.m. according to the conditions of her licence, but it was a single case and could well have been overlooked the first time.

Except for having been warned on a previous occasion to keep off certain streets, the woman had a clean record.

The woman told the Court that, unable to walk and with only a little girl to help her, she had stayed behind at her stall and fallen asleep where she was.

She was discharged with a caution.

CINEMA NOTES.

"STREET GIRL" AT THE
CENTRAL.

Local audiences last night saw tart drama, rollicking comedy and gay music successfully combined in "Street Girl," Radio Pictures enjoyable musical drama at the Central Theatre.

"Street Girl" will appeal to almost any type of audience. It has everything that goes to make up the perfect entertainment. Betty Compson capably plays the lead as an appealing little violinist and entertainer in a New York East Side Cafe. She really plays the violin and does it most satisfactorily.

One of the high spots of the show is the comedy furnished by probably the best combination of comics ever presented in a picture. Jack Oakie, Ned Sparks and Joseph Cawthorn, all familiar to musical comedy and motion picture audiences, got every laugh possible from Jane Murfin's sparkling dialogue.

"Street Girl" presents four of the most intriguing musical numbers which have come to town this year. "My Dream Memory," a bewitching waltz, featured in Miss Compson's violin numbers; "Loveable and Sweet," "Prince of Good Fellows" and "Broken Up Tune," featured by a fast-stepping chorus in the night club sequences, are marked as instantaneous hits.

It is a sincerely told story that Wesley Ruggles directed concerning the struggles of a little band of musicians to climb to prominence out of a small cafe. Love interest is appealingly furnished by Miss Compson and John Harron.

"Paramount on Parade."

Eighteen starring interludes, each an intimate show in itself, makes Paramount's festival of the stars, "Paramount on Parade," one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever to show in Hongkong. Patrons who attend the Central Theatre next week, to see "Paramount on Parade," will be literally guests at a great big Hollywood party.

The film frolic was in production for several months. All possible varieties of entertainment are included, comedy, drama, music, singing, dancing and romance. Nearly every star and featured player on the Paramount roster is seen in some intimate and enjoyable bit. More than eleven directors, all hit-makers, collaborated in making this world of entertainment.

Intimacy is the keynote of the entire show. Elsie Janis, famous stage star and director, who supervised the production, describes the picture "as a party of the stars." She endeavoured to make it a personal, face-to-face enjoyment special in which the audiences could join the screen favourites in making whoopee.

"The Drag Net."

George Bancroft, the big dare-devil detective lieutenant, gets on the trail of crooks in "The Drag Net" the thrilling Paramount picture now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. Straight to the strongholds of the crooks Bancroft carries his way in this melodrama of the law's finish battle with organised forces of the underworld.

In "The Drag Net" Bancroft has much the same type of role which brought him to sensational fame and stardom in "Underworld." Only instead of being an Underworld leader he takes the part of the nemesis of the gangsters in this picture. He is ably supported by Evelyn Brent, Fred Kohler, and William Powell. This picture far surpasses that of the "Underworld," his former picture depicting the life of a gangster.

"DIVORCES" HAD
BY POST.ARTURO DEL TORO TRIES
ENGLAND.

MEXICAN OFFER.

Senor Arturo del Toro, the self-styled "Divorce King" whose plan for procuring postal divorces in Mexico for residents of Britain was exposed in the *Daily Mail*, is not at all displeased with the publicity he has received.

He was unperturbed even when I showed him the following communication received from the Mexican Legation by the *Daily Mail*, writes a special correspondent of that paper.

"The Mexican Legation wishes to state that according to Mexican law, residents in the country are required in suits of divorce, and that consequently postal divorces, such as are suggested from some quarters, are out of the question."

Senor del Toro laughed lightly when he read this. "Of course, I don't want to quarrel with my friends at the Legation," he said, "but this is not right. I put the measure on the statute book myself, and I have been thanked for my services by leading legal men all over the world."

There was one thing, however, which he could not explain—the position of a client wishing to "remarry" after having obtained one of his postal divorces at a cost of £700.

"We do not advise our clients to remarry in the country of their original marriage," he admitted reluctantly, "but you can take it from me that none of our divorces has ever been questioned in this country."

Senor del Toro is so ingenious in his ignorance of British law that it is really surprising he can convince even the ordinary layman.

He, however, claims to be doing business, and so it cannot be too plainly stated that the elementary rule of divorce law in this and most civilised countries is that jurisdiction in divorce is based on domicile, and domicile may be taken as meaning the country which a person regards as his permanent home.

A person who remarries in this country after obtaining one of the senior's "decrees" renders himself liable to seven years' penal servitude for bigamy.

LORRY DROPS INTO
PADDY FIELD.DRIVER AND ONE PASSENGER
INJURED.

In trying to avoid two pedestrians, the driver of a motor lorry suddenly swerved and ran off the Shataukok Road, yesterday, the vehicle dropping into the paddy fields. Nobody, fortunately, was injured to any serious extent, although the driver and a passenger suffered minor abrasions.

The incident was later reported to the police by the driver, Lau Man, employed by the Nam Hong Bus Company of Sheung Shui, who stated that whilst he was driving motor lorry No. 2458 on the Shataukok Road near Kwai Tsing village, he had to swerve suddenly to avoid two Chinese men.

The lorry ran over the embankment and dropped into the paddy fields, the driver receiving minor injuries to his hand and face, while a passenger, Lam Mui, who was sitting on the rear of the lorry, also received injuries to his hand and face.

The two men were treated by Dr. Luk of Tai-po without having to be sent to hospital.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended October 2nd, 1909.

Lord Kitchener, on his way to Japan to attend the Army Manoeuvres, visited Hongkong and Canton. He was warmly welcomed to the Colony and made a large number of purchases of Chinese porcelain.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club, Mr. F. Matland was re-elected President.

The lowest tender received by the Hongkong Government for the Opium Monopoly was \$91,000, and the highest \$98,750.

Major General Broadwood, in an interview, expressed the opinion that the greatest drawback to the efficiency of the Chinese Army was the quality of the officers.

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THE SEVEN STAGES
IN DRINK.PROFESSOR'S DINNER TABLE
ANALYSIS.

An analysis of what might be described as "the Seven Stages of Drunkenness"—though there need not be seven—was given recently by Professor A. E. Heath, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wales.

What is it that you lose first if you begin the experiment of taking a glass of wine? he asked, in a lecture at the British Social Hygiene Council's Summer School at Welwyn. Then he proceeded to enumerate "the things that go" in the following order:

First Stage—Self-Criticism. A glass of wine removes the tightness with which we hold ourselves in. We are, therefore, probably better partners at dinner than if we sit gloomily "hearing all and saying nowt."

Second Stage—Criticism of others. That is why you can listen to the most extraordinary nonsense in the way of after-dinner speeches.

Third Stage—Various faculties begin to go. Fourth Stage—One could still see and move, but was rather doubtful about where one's glass was.

Fifth Stage—The co-ordinating movements of the eyes went. Sixth Stage—One "saw double." Seventh Stage—One was "blind."

THE MODERN USE OF
LEISURE.DR. JACKS ON PLEASURES OF
CREATIVE SKILL.

"The leisure of the idle rich is one thing; the leisure of the idle poor is another. I know not which of the two is the more dangerous to society and the more demoralising to its possessor." So said Dr. L. P. Jacks in an address on "Leisure," delivered in London last month.

"If you ask what kind of ready-made pleasures are most sought after to relieve boredom and stimulate tired senses, there are four which cover most of the ground—sex enticement, gambling in one or other of its innumerable forms, outward display, and sight-seeing. The most promising line of attack on the problem of leisure especially as connected with sex, is not the line of moral exhortation."

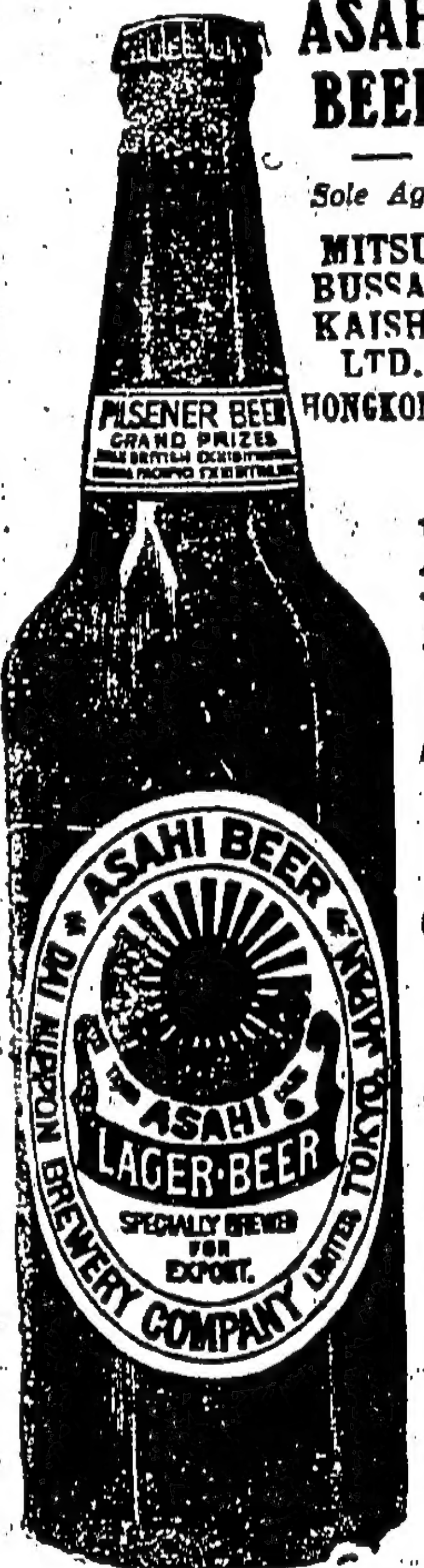
"If I had to write a motto over the portals of leisure I should do it in three words—skill, recreation, beauty—and I would call the whole house the house of joy. I would make it clear and sedulously instil into the young that the pleasures which result from external excitement are far inferior to those which result from creative skill, and that bought pleasures are hardly worth having in comparison to those which arise in the exercise of the 'creative faculty.'"

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SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS.

GARRISON CHILDREN IN COMPETITION.

Youthful enthusiasm and tenacity were exhibited at the V.R.C. swimming bath yesterday afternoon, when the Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison Schools held their annual aquatic sports.

The children competed in a programme of twenty-three events, in the course of which excellent and exciting swimming was witnessed, producing worthy winners and sporting losers.

The children found the three and four length races rather exacting, but in most cases completed the full course, whilst good times were returned.

Thanks to the splendid organising work of the officials, the long programme was completed within two hours, those responsible being the Rev. W. F. Crossin, M.C., Major J. W. Malcolm, O.B.E., Capt. E. B. Denton, D.S.O., Lieut. C. S. Howard, Lieut. A. T. Roper-Caldbeck, Mr. G. T. May and S. Sgt. Sanderson (Judges), S.Q.M.S., J. H. Spooner, who carried out the duties of M.C., W. O. Instr. F. V. Pamplin (Recorder) and W. O. Instr. A. E. Parsons and B.G.M.S. A. Weyman (Starters).

The full results were:
Boys' Championship (100 yards).—First heat, Ian Read, second heat, Arthur Leigh, Peter Wilson, Final, Arthur Leigh, Ian Read.

Girls' Championship (100 yards).—First heat, Winnie George, second heat, Peggy George, Edith Haslam, Final, Peggy George, Winnie George. Novices' Race (under 9½ years).—First heat, Marjorie Williams, Micky Davey, Elsie Hunter, second heat, Peggy Scoular, Daphne Atkinson, Jack Haslam, Final, Marjorie Williams, Daphne Atkinson.

Over 9½ years.—First heat, Joan Shoemith, Fran Halton, Leonard Gibson, second heat, Alan Scoular, John Scoular, Francis Allen, Final, Alan Scoular, John Scoular.

Long Plunge.—William Ribbands (34 ft. 11 in.), John Ursell (32 ft. 6 in.), Ian Read (30 ft.).

Boys' Handicap (10-12 years).—First heat, Arthur Leigh, Ronald Gascoigne, Gordon Ribbands, second heat, George Fettes, John Scoular, William Ribbands, Final, Arthur Leigh, Ronald Gascoigne.

Over 12 years.—First heat, John Ursell, Robert Gascoigne, Arthur John Ursell, second heat, Ian Read, Peter Wilson, Arthur Allen, Final, J. Ursell, R. Gascoigne, I. Read, Under 10 years.—First heat, Eric Kennard, Jack Mitchell, Francis Allen, second heat, Dick Ribbands, Charles Haslam, Kenneth Parry, Final, Dick Ribbands, Charles Haslam, Eric Kennard.

Girls' Handicap (over 12 years).—First heat, Winnie George, Marie Shoemith, Marjorie Spence, second heat, Annie Brace, Peggy George, Agnes Faulkner, Final, Annie Brace, Marjorie Shoemith, Peggy George, Ten to 12 years.—Vera Monckton, Evelyn Haslam, Eight to 10 years.—Dorothy Trevellyn, Peggy Scoular.

Junior Handicap (6-8 years).—Dorothy Maylor, Jack Haslam. High Dive (boys) for cup presented by Major-General C. C. Leard C.B.—John Ursell, Robert Gascoigne, Kenneth Parry. Girls, for cup presented by 1st Battalion Somerset Light Infantry.—Evelyn Haslam, Peggy George.

Old Scholars' Handicap.—Doris Hunt, R. B. Wood.

LADIES' GOLF.

TOMBSTONE COMPETITION WON BY MRS. BONNAR.

Mrs. A. C. Langston qualified for the Captain's Cup for September with 96-17=79.

Mrs. A. B. Stewart won the Bogey Competition for August and September, four up on Bogey.

The Tombstone Competition held at Deep Water Bay on September 23 was won by Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar who took her last stroke at the 19th tee. Mrs. A. B. Stewart holed at the 18th and was second. Mrs. Dowell won the Bridge Prize.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Section will be held sometime this month at the Helena May Institute and it is earnestly requested that all members will make an effort to attend.

With our transitory population it becomes increasingly difficult each year to appoint officers and any ladies who are willing to serve on the committee are urged to send in their names to the present honorary secretary, or to write them on the notices posted in the various club houses.

INTERPORT GOLF.

PROBABLE TEAM TO PLAY IN SHANGHAI.

The team to represent the Royal Hongkong Golf Club against the Shanghai and Manilla Golf Clubs in the triangular Interport series in Shanghai will probably be as under: A. H. Ferguson (Capt.), E. D. Lawrence, O. E. C. Marton, K. S. Robertson, N. L. Smith and W. M. Thomson with Dr. I. Newton as spare man.

L. R. Andrewes, who was expected to go, is not able to make the trip.

Aldeburgh, Oct. 2.
In the sixth round of the Ladies' Golf Championship, Miss End Wilson beat Miss Wanda Morgan by 2 up and 2 to play.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL FOOTBALL OFF THE MARK.

FIFTEEN GAMES DOWN FOR TO-MORROW.

A FEW OF THE TEAMS.

The local football season gets off the mark to-morrow with a programme of fifteen matches which, if memory serves aright, constitutes a record for the Hongkong Football League. The close season has brought a desirable change in the splitting up of the cumbersome second division, the possibly weaker teams being combined to form a third division.

The full schedule follows:

First Division.

Navy v. R. A.—Stadium, 4.30.
Club v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 4.30.
A. & S. H. v. Police.—Sookunpoo, 4.30.
South China v. Recreation.—Caroline Hill, 4.30.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.—4.30.

Second Division.

Navy v. St. Joseph's.—Stadium, 3 p.m.
Somerset v. Club.—Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.
University v. Athletic.—Club, 3 p.m.
Eastern v. S. China.—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.

Recreation v. R. A.—Recreation, 3 p.m.
Kowloon v. Argyle.—Kowloon, 3 p.m.

Third Division.

R. Engineers v. Somerset.—Chatham Rd., 3 p.m.
Fukien v. South China.—Chinese, 3 p.m.
R. A. F. v. Ewo.—Recreation, 4.30.
R. A. S. C. v. R. A. O. C.—Chinese, 4.30.

The season promises to be one of exceptional keenness and interest, for while the teams that figured prominently at the close of the last campaign do not anticipate a less satisfactory showing, there is reason to believe that most, if not all, of their rivals have been strengthened in the interval. Naturally enough, all the clubs begin with high hopes.

It is too soon to attempt a forecast of the results of the matches. A number of trial friendly games have been played in the past month, but the indications of form are not fully reliable for various reasons. The civilian clubs, for instance, have been experimenting rather than putting their apparent best sides into the field, and both the Kowloon and Club teams for to-morrow show a considerable variation from any which have appeared in any one match so far.

Newcomers to the league are the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and they are confidently expected to make a good showing. For an army team, they are somewhat on the small side, but they are very nippy, and go in for direct methods. Before the end of November, the fixtures of the Somersets will be taken over by the South Wales Borderers. The Somersets can be relied upon to give them a good start.

FANLING GOLF.

THE STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The starting times for the Old Course at Fanling on Sunday follow:

9.20.—J. R. Younger and H. W. Dulle.
9.24.—A. Leach and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.28.—W. C. Shields and C. Mycock.
9.32.—H. Graves and C. H. Burton.
9.36.—T. S. Whyte Smith and R. Young.
9.40.—F. Marti and H. P. Bailey.
9.44.—A. G. Coppin and C. W. Jeffries.
9.48 a.m.—C. B. Brown and R. W. Taplin.
9.52.—G. L. Leiper and J. S. Drummond.
9.56.—S. S. Perry and D. Ellis.
10.00.—G. B. S. Thomson and W. J. Clerk.
10.04.—E. Stone and J. Coulthart.
10.08.—J. B. Lanyon and M. N. Cochrane.
10.12.—W. F. Leckie and A. C. L. Bowker.
10.16.—T. Low and J. R. Hinton.
10.20.—D. J. Gilmore and D. Forbes.
10.24.—O. Eager and A. D. Humphreys.
10.28.—K. S. Robertson and J. G. Campbell.
10.32.—E. Des Voeux and A. O. Bravn.
10.36.—J. Thayer and H. Spicer.
10.40.—D. J. Keogh and H. Lowe.
10.44.—C. H. Cortis and E. M. Hanlon.
10.48.—F. M. Hartley and T. Lindars.
10.52.—I. H. Geare and A. F. Ferguson.
10.56.—W. A. Weight and J. S. Dykes.
11.00.—A. E. Lissaman and A. B. Purves.
11.04.—T. A. Martin and H. J. Armstrong.
11.08.—O. E. C. Marton and Capt. Reynolds.
11.12.—G. W. A. Tufon and Capt. Coleman.

Through slipping whilst on board the s.s. Wing On yesterday, a Chinese, residing at 250, Des Voeux Road, Central, received a rupture and was later taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

BI-METALLISM PLAN PROPOSED.

NEW MONEY TO BE TERMED "REX."

London, Oct. 2.

The attention of the delegates to the Imperial Conference is being drawn to a scheme by Mr. J. F. Darling, a director of the Midland Bank, to pool the Empire's gold reserves of £250,000,000 in an Empire Bank, the shareholders of which shall be the note issuing banks and authorities of the Empire, and which will issue against this gold new money to be called "Rex," as a substitute for gold.

Mr. Darling, interviewed by *Reuter*, said the bank could buy gold and silver for a minimum cast price, and pay Rex for it. The great idea was to establish a new bi-metallism, so that the Bank of Empire could buy silver at a price bearing a fixed ratio to its minimum price for gold.

He emphasised the need for re-habilitating silver, thus enhancing the purchasing power of millions in China and India.—*Reuter.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Tuesday.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	123.82 1/2	123.775
Geneva.....	25.0 1/2	25.038
Berlin.....	20.42 1/2	20.405
Oslo.....	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors.....	193 1/2	
Athens.....	375	375
Buenos Aires.....	39.11/16	39.9/16
Shanghai.....	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
New York.....	4.85 21/32	4.85 7/16
Amsterdam.....	12.04 1/2	12.04 1/2
Stockholm.....	18.09	18.085
Vienna.....	34.43	34.42
Madrid.....	46.60	47
Bucharest.....	318	318
Montevideo.....	39 3/4	39 3/4
Hongkong.....	1/3 7/16	1/3 7/16
Brussels.....	34.84	34.84
Milan.....	92.80 1/2	92.78
Copenhagen.....	18.15 1/2	18.155
Prague.....	103 1/2	103
Lisbon.....	108.25	108.25
Rio.....	5.7/32	5 1/2
Bombay.....	1/6 25/32	1/6 25/32
Yokohama.....	2/0 7/16	2/0 7/16
Silver (spot and forward).....	16 1/2	16 7/16

—*British Wireless.*

CRICKET.

TRIAL GAME ON H.K.C.C. GROUND TO-MORROW.

In a trial game to be played on the Hongkong C. C. ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow afternoon, the following have been selected to play:

Mr. Pearce's XI.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), A. H. Musson, Thorpe, Good, Uley, A. C. Beck, A. Reid, P. W. J. Plummer, W. W. MacKenzie, C. H. Christian, McFarlane, Collins and G. S. Hugh Jones.

Mr. Bowker's XI.—A. C. I. Bowker (Capt.), E. R. Duckitt, J. L. Bonnar, H. J. Armstrong, J. R. Hinton, Howell, G. R. More, E. C. Esherington, Chadwick, J. R. Collis, H. Harris Walker and Walsh.



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THE CHANGES AT WEIHAUWEL.

INAUGURATION OF BRITISH CONSULATE.

Weihauiwei, Oct. 2.

There was a well attended function this morning at eleven o'clock, namely the hoisting of the flag of the new British Consulate, where Mr. Allan Archer, the first Consul at Weihauiwei, received and entertained a large party of British and Chinese residents, including Admiral Waitall and his staff, and Mr. Hsu Tsu-shan and his staff. After the hoisting of the flag Mr. Archer, who had been appointed President of the Chinese Republic, and Mr. Hsu Tsu-shan toasted King George.

Mr. Archer spoke about the friendly relations existing at Weihauiwei between the British and Chinese, which he hoped would long continue. Mr. Hsu Tsu-shan replied suitably.

Admiral Waitall then toasted Mr. Archer, who toasted the new Commissioner, Mr. Hsu Tsu-shan. The final act of rendition took place this afternoon, when a company of the Second Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, under Major Campbell, embarked on H.M.S. Cornwall, which later sailed for Hongkong.—*Reuter.*

The marriage arranged between Lieut.-Commander Dennis Friedberger, Royal Navy, and Miss Eleanor L. Renton, will take place in November at Hongkong.

HERMES COMING OUT HERE AGAIN.

WITH TWO FLIGHTS OF THE FLEET AIR ARM.

London, Oct. 2.

The aircraft carrier *Hermes* is recommissioning on October 3 for a further period of service in the Far East.

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CHAPTER XXVII

"Are you still in Hollywood, Dan?"

At the sound of Anne's familiar laugh over the telephone his black mood dissolved at once.

"You bet I am," he replied cheerfully.

Anne said "I'm glad. I thought possibly you had gone back to New York without even saying goodbye. Where have you been?"

Dan explained: "And I know you've been busy, too. I didn't want to bother you."

"Better me!"

"Well," he laughed—"you know how it is. These eight o'clock and nine o'clock studio calls of yours. And I never know when to go home."

It developed that Anne had called merely to inquire about him. And Moma and Eva have been wondering about you, too."

"I was just about to call you, Anne. How about going to the opening with me? Paul's taking Maris Farrell."

"I'd love to, Dan."

"It's a date, then. Maris Farrell, by the way, said some nice things about you to-day. Paul and I were out there to lunch."

"Oh, you were?"

"Yeah. Paul dragged me out with him. Maris told me she had seen you rehearsing."

He repeated what Maris had said. "Not so bad, eh? You've made quite a hit with her, apparently. Both times I've seen her now, she's had something nice to say about you. Personally, I think she has good judgment."

He said nothing about seeing her before the opening, and when she had said goodbye he turned back to his typewriter, sat before it with folded arms and smoked and frowned. Paul had gone out for the evening; he and Johnny Riddle had a date somewhere. But even in the quiet and solitude of Paul's absence it was difficult to write.

In the ensuing week he finished the story he was working on, but he re-read it with a feeling of disappointment, an apprehension of failure. His first one had come back to him with its third rejection. Rorimer was ready to tear it up in disgust, and he would have if Collier had not intervened.

"Give it here," Paul said, and he took it and tucked it away in a drawer. And he counselled Dan to "let it age a bit."

"It's still a swell idea, my boy, and three rejections don't change the opinion of my favourite movie critic and columnist."

"It's all well," Dan said.

"Listen who's talking! The guy who got after me for tearing up the Great American Novel! I thought you had got used to rejections in New York."

And he insisted that Dan let the manuscript lie for a month or two out of sight, and then read it again and rewrite it.

"Old stuff!" Dan scoffed.

"Sure—without this difference: that magazines and moving pictures are two different markets, my boy. Magazines generally know just what they want; the movies never know; the idea that gets kicked in to the ash barrel to-day is a super-production to-morrow."

Dan took his new manuscript to the Amalgamated scenario department the next morning and left it there. And he spent the afternoon playing golf with Johnny Riddle, who had been after him for a week to get out and play.

Johnny gossiped along the fairways, talked jokingly and depressingly about his newest love affair.

"I hung on for three weeks, and then she announced her engagement. But she's still a client. She was supposed, for a while, to be engaged to Dick Grace, the stunt flier, but that was just a press agent story."

And he told Dan that he had not been doing badly at all with publicity for Anne Winter.

"I landed pictures of her in a number of the fan magazines, and one of them took on a story, too. Just a breeze, this Riddle guy; just a breeze."

After their game they drove back to the apartment to wait for Paul Collier, and Paul was late arriving. When he did come in he had a queer look, and he sank at once into a chair and said:

"The funniest darn thing happened this afternoon."

He reached for a cigarette.

"I was walking along the Boulevard, see? and I ran into Eva Harley. I had just come out of Henry's, and we walked along together, passing the time of day and talking about nothing in particular; and we were passing by the Mountmartre when who should come bustling out but this chump Frank Maury. You remember him, Dan?"

Dan nodded.

"He had some dizzy looking name on his arm, and when he saw me he turned on the old smile—

you know, big stuff!" Paul said contemptuously. "And then he saw Eva Harley and, boy, the smile froze right on his face and he got as red as a beet and kept right on going!"

"But that's not all. When I turned to look at Eva I thought she was going to faint. She was as white as a ghost. She had to hold on to my arm like the very devil to keep from falling. I was scared for a minute."

"What do you suppose—?" Johnny Riddle began loudly, but Dan held up a hand.

"Wait," he said. "What happened, Paul?"

Collier inhaled deeply and said, "Well, I held on to her and asked her if she was sick, and I tried to steer her into a drug store to get something. But she said no, she was all right—just a sudden feeling of faintness. She said she got them once in a while, but I think she was lying. I got a cab and took her home. Moma was there and I turned Eva over to her, but Eva made me promise not to tell her what happened. Can you tell that?"

Dan got up from his chair. "That's a funny one," he said thoughtfully. And he went over to the window and looked out and said, half to himself: "I wonder if that doesn't explain something about Eva?"

But Frank Maury? Paul said. "I know. Things work out funny sometimes, don't they?"

"Who was the girl with Maury?" Johnny Riddle asked, and Paul said he didn't know.

"I didn't have a chance to get a good look at her. Things happened too fast. I couldn't tell you if I knew her or not."

"Maury, I hear, is pretty sweet on some Los Angeles girl. I can't remember her name, but her old man is supposed to have a lot of money. Didn't he say something?" Johnny asked.

And Paul shook his head. "Not a word, I'm telling you. He got up and began to take off his shirt. 'I'll be ready in a minute,' he said, and he went to his room."

Johnny looked over toward Dan, who had not left the window, and he caught his eye. "Two and two always make four, Dan," he said, and Dan shook his head as if the thing were too baffling for him.

The telephone rang while they were waiting for Collier. Dan was half expecting it, and he hastened to answer it.

"Rorimer speaking."

"This is Anne," a hint of nervousness in her voice. "I'm in a booth. Are you alone?"

"No, but it's all right," he assured her.

"Dan, have you talked with Paul? Will you tell me what happened? Moma told me that Paul brought Eva home and—"

"How is Eva now?" Dan cut in quietly. "Is she all right?"

"Oh, I don't know. I'm worried about her. Moma says she's been crying ever since she got home."

"Poor kid!" Dan said to himself, and he gave Anne an account of what had happened. He spoke in a low, calm voice that was meant to reassure her, and when he had finished he said, "Paul is here now, if you'd like to talk to him."

But Anne told him that was not necessary. "I—I think I understand. Thank you, Dan. Very much."

"If there's anything I can do, Anne—"

"I know, Dan, but there's nothing."

"Won't Eva say anything about it?"

"Not a word," she added that Eva was in bed and that she stubbornly refused to see a doctor, so they hadn't called one.

"I hardly knew what to do, I've never seen Eva like that before. She was almost hysterical, but I think she's calmer now. But Eva broods so; sometimes I get uneasy just thinking about her."

It was like Anne to be loyal and considerate, Dan thought as he left the telephone; there were few girls getting along in Hollywood as well as she who would have chosen to continue the arrangement she had made when she had been nothing more than an extra herself. He knew that Anne paid more than her share of the rent, because Moma had told him so.

He went out to dinner with Johnny and Paul, and they continued for a while to talk about Eva Harley and Frank Maury. But presently the topic was dropped and Paul began to tell Riddle about the screen story that Dan had turned in that morning at Amalgamated, and he cheerfully predicted its acceptance.

Dan did not take the trouble to argue with him, although he had lost nothing of the pessimism that had dwelt with him for several weeks past.

He and Johnny were tired after their golf game, and Johnny left

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A concert by the following Portuguese Artists:

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10.30 p.m. Close down.

FOOD ANALYSIS.

ONLY TWO PROSECUTIONS DURING PAST YEAR.

Samples of fresh milk were submitted during the past year for analysis under section 12 of the Food and Drugs Ordinance, of which 48 were found to pass the standard and 1 to be below standard.

In addition, the following samples of Food and Drugs were taken:—bean curd 4, sugar 36, coffee 10, tea 27, lard 5, cheese 13, bread 27, skimmed milk 2, tinned condensed milk 7, tinned milk 23, flour 31, tinned butter 8 and fresh butter 21.

Prosecutions were undertaken in 2 cases where the samples failed to satisfy the legal requirements.

Under section 82 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance the following foodstuffs were seized and destroyed by Order of the Head of the Sanitary Department:—condensed milk 374 tins, crabmeat 5 tins, salmon 160 tins, lard 10 tins, sardines 155 tins, milk 550 tins, tongue 94 tins, codlins 160 tins, syrup 70 tins, shad fish 11 tins and salt fish 2 tins.

them not long afterwards. Back in the apartment once more, Paul sat down to his typewriter to hammer out his column and Dan picked up a book with a feeling of relief that his own manuscript finished, there was no need of his working this evening.

But he yawned over his book after a while, so he went to bed, and Paul shortly followed; and past midnight the insistent ringing of the telephone brought him sitting up in bed with a jerk. He heard Paul stir in the next room, but he called out: "I'll get it," and switched on the lights.

It was Anne again. She said in a voice that was half frantic with fear: "Oh, Dan, we're in trouble. It's Eva. Can you come right away?"

"I'll be right over," he said. (To Be Continued)

MR. LENOX SIMPSON.

VICTIM IN GRAVE CONDITION.

Tientsin, Oct. 2.

The attempted assassination of Mr. Lenox Simpson occurred between 7.15 and 7.30 p.m. last night at the Commissioner's official residence in the ex-German concession.

Mr. Simpson was about 10 feet from his study door, conducting the visitors inside, and was struck squarely in the small of the back by the first bullet, the second one missing, probably owing to the flurry of the assailants. The miscreants then hurriedly left in the hired car in which they had arrived, the servants being too terrified to raise the alarm until it was too late.

When the police arrived Mr. Simpson was taken to the German-American Hospital, from where a bulletin was issued late that night, stating that his life was in no immediate danger. However, it is understood that the bullet lodged in the lower part of the spine, and complete paralysis of the lower part of the body may result.

According to the houseboy, all three of the assailants were dressed in foreign clothes, and one remained in the car while the other two entered the residence.

One presented a card bearing the name Fu Lu-lin, member of the enlarged Legislative Session, but it is presumed that the name is entirely fictitious.

On receipt of the card Mr. Simpson came out and greeted the callers, preceding them into the study. As the houseboy was closing the door, two shots rang out and the miscreants rushed from the house into the waiting car, which was rapidly driven away.

The police of all the concessions were informed of the incident, and smart work on the part of a detective in the British police force resulted in the tracing of the car, and the arrest of the driver at a late hour last night. The driver professed to know nothing beyond the fact that the car was summoned by telephone from the Taipei Hotel, in the Japanese Concession, and subsequently, under pressure, he merely followed the instructions of his three passengers.

—Reuter.

A Political Crime.

Tientsin, Oct. 2.

The bullet was located in Mr. Simpson's spine by X-ray, and it is understood that an operation will be performed this afternoon, in an endeavour to remove it. Although serious, his condition is not considered entirely hopeless.

He is being attended by several local British and German doctors, and it is learned that Dr. Ferguson of the Peking Union Medical College has also been summoned here.

Interrogated by the police, the arrested car driver states that he was kept at pistol point from the time of his departure from the scene of the crime, and was made to drive in a roundabout route to the rear of the French concession, where the three alighted and ordered him to drive away.

Many theories are being advanced for the crime, which is undoubtedly a political one. Although the attackers spoke English, it is believed that a ruse to throw the police off the scent.

The movements of the fourth accomplice who removed the baggage of all four from the hotel, simultaneous with the departure of the other three for the crime, would indicate that the quartette left town immediately.

—Reuter.

Warning Ignored.

Tientsin, later.

Mr. Lenox Simpson's condition continues relatively unchanged, and hopes are still entertained for his recovery, though on account of the seriousness of the wound, these hopes are necessarily slender.

It is learned that the bullet has splintered the vertebrae, which is pressing on the spinal cord, causing paralysis of the lower limbs. An operation for removal of the bullet, which is a very delicate task, has not yet been attempted.

Meantime, the patient retains consciousness, though nobody is

OBITUARY.

NURSE OF PEAK HOSPITAL FOUND DEAD.

Sister Hinton, a 35-year-old nurse, home on leave from Peak Hospital, Hongkong, was found dead at Worcester on Sept. 7 with her head in a gas oven. She went to the house of a sister, who was away on holiday. As she did not return, her father went in search of her and found her dead.

Miss Hinton had an operation recently, and feared that she would not be able to return to China. She was once captured by Chinese bandits and robbed, says the China Express and Telegraph.

The late Miss Gertrude Hinton arrived in the Colony in 1925 and took up her appointment as a nursing sister in the Medical Department. She was a popular figure in the local Government Service.

Mrs. Maria Pereira.

The death took place on Wednesday at her residence in Kowloon of Mrs. Maria das Dores Noronha Brito Pereira, at the ripe age of 79. Mrs. Pereira was a member of one of the Colony's oldest Portuguese families and daughter of the late Mr. Delfino Noronha, founder of the firm of Noronha and Co. Government Printers, established in the early forties.

She leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her decease, among them her five children of whom Messrs. E. and L. Brito are in Kobe and Mrs. E. J. Figueiredo, Mrs. J.A.S. Alves, and Mrs. G. Osmond. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley.

JAPAN AGREES.

EMPEROR RATIFIES LONDON NAVAL TREATY.

Tokyo, Oct. 2.

The Emperor to-day signed the treaty of the London Five-Power Naval Conference and affixed the imperial seal to it. This completes Japan's ratification of the treaty. Mr. Hamaguchi (Prime Minister) and Count Makino (Lord Privy Seal) attended the simple ceremony.

—Reuter.

allowed to see him; and his sufferings are being alleviated by the administration of drugs.

It is learned that Mr. Simpson was recently warned by Chinese friends that an attempt might be made on his life, but he flouted the idea, taking no precautions whatsoever for his personal safety.

New Superintendent.

Mr. Han Lin-sun has been duly installed as Chinese Superintendent of Customs, and orders have been issued to the present staff to hand over all affairs to the old staff to-morrow.

Mr. Grierson, former Deputy Commissioner under Col. Hayley Bell, has been appointed acting Commissioner.

Evening Report.

Later.

Interviewed by Reuter this evening, one of the doctors attending Mr. Simpson, while inclined to be non-committal, stated that his life was not in imminent danger, at least for the present, though he admitted that the operation for removal of the bullet might prove critical.

It appears that some of the patient's intestinal organs are also severely injured.

Mrs. Simpson arrived from Shanghai this afternoon and was admitted to see her husband for a short time, during which the patient conversed freely.

Mr. Simpson is unable to give any clue as to the identity of his would-be assassins, though it is believed he suspects from what quarter the attack was instigated. It now eventuates that the three assailants wore Chungshan uniforms, which the houseboy mistakenly called "foreign clothes."

The police in all the districts, both Chinese and foreign, are working on the case, but it is feared the miscreants have got clean away.

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HONGKONG BUDGET INTRODUCED.

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Government after very careful consideration of detail to fashion its cost according to the attenuated supply of cloth available. It will be no party dress, but it is hoped it will prove a useful working garment.

Railway Economies.

Head 32. Kowloon-Canton Railway. Considerable reductions are shown under Other Charges and the only Special Expenditure item calling for remark is the rebuilding of Sheung Shui Station which had to be rebuilt or abandoned. The increase in Engine drivers under E. 3-1-1 has already been approved by Finance Committee. Under E.4-9 six more men are needed for the Central Mechanical Works.

Head 33A. Volunteer Defence Corps shows considerable decreases in Other Charges and less Special Expenditure than usual.

Head 34. Miscellaneous Services. The grants to the Civil Service Cricket Club, to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and for the proposed History of Hongkong constitute commitments which have already been approved by Finance Committee, as also has the increased subsidy for Broadcasting. It has been necessary to insert a sum of \$50,000 for the decennial Census due next year, and a lump sum of \$50,000 for the Chinese New Year bonus recommended by the Salaries Commission. A new sub-head "Acting pay" has been entered. This expenditure has as a rule been met from the lapsing pay of each department, but the creation of the new sub-head is considered to be in better order. The general subsidy to the University has been put at the revised 1930 figure of \$350,000 for which approval was recently obtained in this Council.

Head 35. Charitable Services. Only two additions are made both of which I am sure will be acceptable to Hon. Members, viz. grants to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital and to the Salvation Army.

I now turn to the Estimates of Revenue. The Treasurer has prepared his usual memorandum on Revenue covering the three years 1929, 1930 and 1931 and copies of this are in the hands of Hon. Members; and he shows the additional taxation already imposed in 1930, namely the new tobacco duties, increased rates of postage and the tax on petrol, and the estimated return from these sources during 1931. In spite of the economic basis on which the estimates of expenditures have been prepared, the causes referred to at the beginning of my speech render further taxation inevitable to reduce to reasonable dimensions the gap between the estimated Revenue and Expenditure for 1931. How to ensure that the incidence of new taxes will be such as can most easily and fairly be borne by the Colony has received the most careful consideration and I trust that Hon. Members will agree that the Government's proposals in this respect should be adjudged equitable and as little burdensome as it is possible to make them. The Amusement Tax which was foretold by my predecessor in this Council on the 19th of June is expected to produce some \$300,000. Further it is proposed to increase the Light Dues and the Fees for the use of Government Buoys to continue the scale for Sunday working cargo (which now stops

at ships of 2,000 tons only) and to bring the method of signing ships' crews on and off into consonance with that in force in other parts of the Empire and legislation to this end will be proposed before the end of this year. The total increased return is expected to approximate to \$364,832. The Government is loth to take any step that increases the charges on the shipping of the port, but Shipping Companies in the majority of cases either operate on a gold basis or have increased their dollar charges. The present Light and other Dues were imposed when the dollar was worth something about double its present value so that the proposed increases cannot be regarded as other than fair and equitable.

Assessment Increase. But the most important item in the Government's programme for raising additional revenue is the proposal to increase the General Assessment Rate by 4%. This is the fairest in its incidence of all forms of direct taxation, and is the easiest and the most economical to collect. Extra taxation being unavoidable, early examination of this source was equally so; and it could not help but be selected. I would remind Hon. Members that the extra rate was 7% during the War Period, and even if the Government had to reimpose this figure now—action which it is hoped to avoid—reference to Mr. Southern's speech in this Chamber on the 19th of June, 1930, will show that we would still remain a lightly taxed community in comparison with our

neighbours in the East, or indeed with almost any other community. All taxation is distasteful; but it is hoped that Hon. Members will agree that this ingredient in the medicine we must necessarily take for our condition has been correctly prescribed.

The Government further proposes in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Education to raise slightly the fees for some of the higher classes in the public schools, to increase certain stamp fees, notably those on receipts, cheques and Bills of Lading, and to increase the maximum percentage of death duties.

I may say that in raising the stamp fee on receipts Government proposes to raise the amount below which exemption from a stamp is allowed to \$20. This will provide a measure of relief in the case of small amounts.

One Head of Revenue calls for further notice. The contributions from Shipping Companies for Anti-piracy escorts (which are not liable to Military Contribution) are estimated at a total of \$143,272 and as the expenditure under Police Force is put at a total of \$115,234, it would seem at first sight that the Government actually proposes to profit from this source to the extent of \$28,000. The contributions however were fixed to cover a number of items for which Government accepts the liability—such as pensions, gratuities and passages where payable, and also overhead charges which would require an elaborate system of ac-

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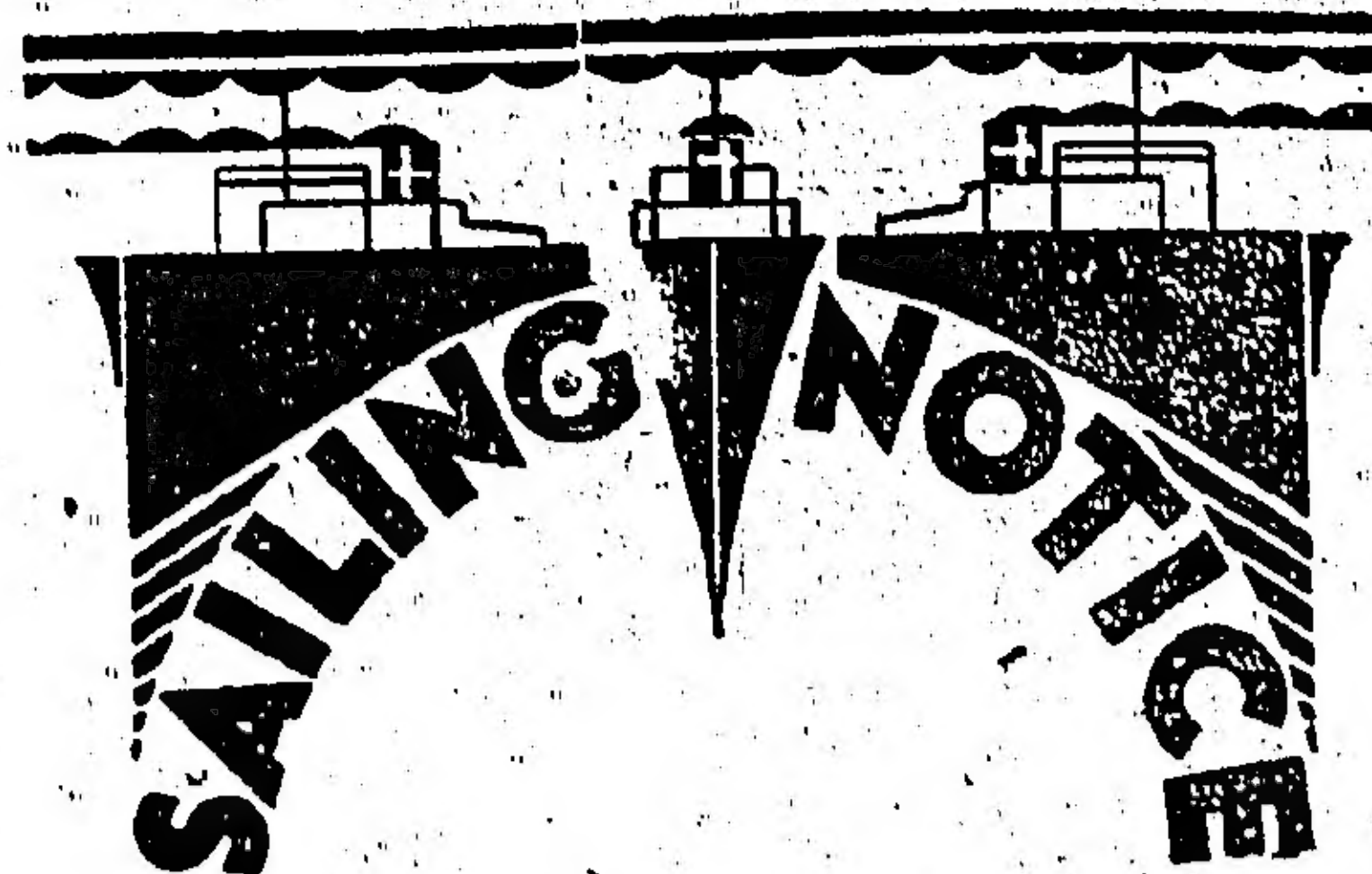
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HONGKONG BUDGET INTRODUCED.

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counting to separate from the general Police Estimates which will bear them. The figures of the contributions have been agreed with the companies concerned.

One observation it is perhaps desirable to make before leaving. Revenue. It will be observed that under Licences and internal Revenue the head "Carriage etc. Licences" has now been altered to the head "Vehicles" with subdivisions for the various classes of vehicles.

Financial State.

For information on the general financial state of the Colony I would refer Hon. Members to Appendices IV to VI of the draft Estimates which contain very full statements of the position.

I now turn to the Loan Account. The Appendices show the present position as regards the 1927 Public Works Department Loan which is due for repayment in 1932, and it is clear that in the course of the coming year the floating of a fresh loan must be contemplated for the repayment of certain sums amounting to some two million dollars already owed to Surplus Balances for loan works and for a start to be made on certain other important works which it is hoped to finance by these means. A new Gaol and a new Government Civil Hospital are such works: the expenditure on Ferries is already included though more discussion of this matter will be necessary before Government can consider expenditure beyond the \$1,300,000 required for the piers. I may add that in regard to the Government Civil Hospital and Water schemes it is proposed to apply for some assistance from the Colonial Development Fund.

While the gravity of the financial situation as shown by these Estimates is clear to see, I should like to end in a more cheerful strain. The Colony is, as has so often been said, lightly taxed and will still be lightly taxed in 1931 if the proposals now being made are accepted. The dislocation occasioned by the rapid drop of some 8d. in exchange was a disaster. But now that the first shock is over, as I am informed, is showing some signs of settling down again. Money is easy by reason of the glut of silver and there should be no difficulty in financing a loan on easy terms when the time comes. The share market indicates that commercial undertakings are expected to prosper. Land sales are at a high level and on all hands we see building in progress. And the Colony has the legacy of many fat years in the way of fine roads, substantial buildings and solid Harbour assets. It would be idle to deny that there must be some anxiety about the immediate future, but a revival, and within a measurable time, is inevitable: and once the opportunity for which they are daily waiting is afforded, the wonderful recuperative power of the Chinese Race will make the recovery a rapid one.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Adjournment.

In adjourning the Council until October 16, His Excellency asked if that would give Unofficial Members sufficient time to consider the estimates.

The Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes intimated that it would.

CHINESE DINNER TO SIAMESE PRINCE.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR ENTERTAINED.

At the South China Restaurant yesterday a number of prominent local Chinese merchants gathered at a dinner given by the Bank of Canton to Prince Purachatra of Siam. The Prince's private secretary and Mr. J. T. Bagram, Consul for Siam, were also present. Mr. Li Po-kwai, a director of the Bank, presided in the absence of the President of the Institution.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, and Messrs. M. K. Lo, Wong Kwong-tin, T. N. Chau, Liang Shi-ye, Li Yik-mui, Kwok Siu-lau, Chau Tang-sang, J. M. Wong, K. F. Lay, Tam Woon-tong, Ng Yu-cham, Chan Fu-cheung, H. F. Un, Quan Shu-chung and Lee Woon-choy.

After the dinner the Chairman gave an address of welcome to the Prince. He said: "We are honoured to-day by the distinguished presence of His Royal Highness Prince Purachatra, Minister of Commerce and Communications of Siam. His Royal Highness is passing through this Colony on his way to China and Japan on a special mission to study economic and trade conditions."

Your Royal Highness will see around this table Chinese merchants representing almost every line of business. In the name of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., which has considerable trade relations with your country in Bangkok, I respectfully and cordially extend to you, Sir, our heartiest welcome. We wish your mission every success and that on your return home you will be able to devise means of improving the bad trade conditions which unfortunately are prevailing in the Far East.

On behalf of my bank I sincerely thank your Royal Highness for the very high honour you have done us by visiting our bank the other day and I hope that you will be graciously pleased to render such assistance as lies in your power to our branch in Siam, which I believe is the only Chinese bank in that important metropolis, so that trade between Hongkong and Siam may be further fostered and promoted.

The Prince's Reply.

In reply to this address Prince Purachatra said: "I am doubly honoured because you have been so kind as to entertain me, and also because I am surrounded by such a distinguished gathering. While there is a great difference between a Government official and a trader I am in the curious position of being both and can speak from both points of view."

I am frank to say that you ask too much of me when you ask me to correct the present condition of depression which exists not only in the Far East but everywhere. No single statesman can have the power and probity to put the world right, but if I can be of any service as one of those who help in putting economic conditions right, I shall have lived a useful life.

No State can stand alone economically these days. There must be a tie of economic relationship and one nation must help the other in putting things right. I am sorry I cannot address you in your own language but I have done my best in English as a medium in thanking you, and I wish you all power, prosperity and longevity."

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No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th October, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st October, 1930, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1930.

UNREST IN CUBA.

LEADS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PRESS CENSORSHIP.

New York, Oct. 2.

A Press censorship has been established in Cuba, following disturbances. — *Reuter's American Service.*

[A message from Havana on Tuesday stated that a pitched battle between armed students and police occurred round the presidential palace on which the students marched, shooting into the air and shouting "Down with President Machado." There has been intense unrest in Cuba for months past, President Machado's enemies claiming that he is a mere puppet of powerful American financiers.]

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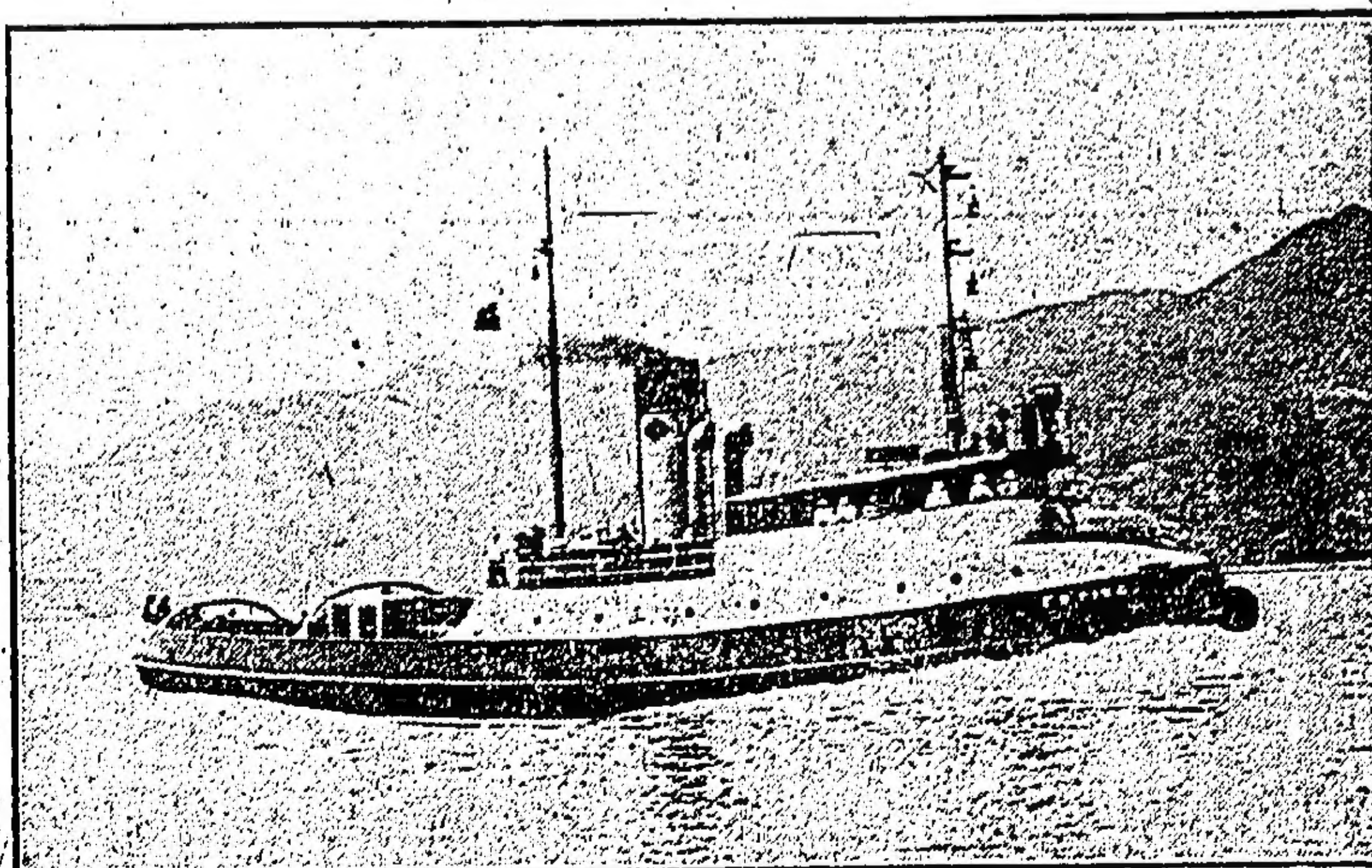
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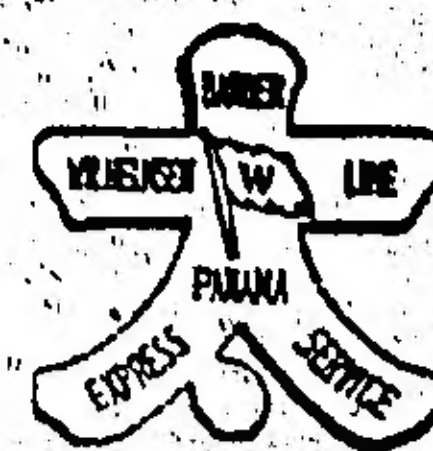
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*NAGPORA	5,283	15th Nov.	M'les, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dm & A'werp
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THE ANGLO-SOVIET DEBT ISSUE.

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MEET IN LONDON.

CLAIMS DISCUSSION.

London, Oct. 2. The British and Russian members of the Anglo-Soviet Debts and Claims Committee were received by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, at the Foreign Office to-day. The Russian delegation were introduced by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Sokolnikov.

Afterwards the British and Russian delegations withdrew in order to make arrangements for the date and place of future meetings.

The Debts and Claims Committee is provided for in the protocol signed by Mr. Henderson and M. Borsigovsky on October 3rd last year.

According to the terms of the protocol a Committee of Experts was to meet in order to enquire into the whole question of claims and counter-claims, as a necessary preliminary to a treaty in settlement of all outstanding questions which is eventually to be negotiated between the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the Soviet Ambassador in London. The Committee will meet again shortly to set up sub-committees for the purpose of dealing with the details of the questions under discussion. —British Wireless.

MODIFIED MARTIAL LAW REQUESTED.

SERIOUS VIEW OF HAVANA SITUATION.

New York, Oct. 2. As a result of the political situation in Cuba, President Machado has addressed a message to the Cuban Congress asking for a suspension of the Constitutional Guarantees of Havana and its suburbs, according to a message from the Cuban capital.

The Constitutional Guarantees are the people's Charter of Rights, under which they exercise the privileges of freedom of speech, freedom to meet, etc.

The suspension of the Charter would be tantamount to the declaration of a modified form of martial law. —Reuters' American Service.

SHANGHAI HAWKER FINED.

SAYS WAS ACTING FOR HIS BROTHER.

A Shanghai Chinese, charged with hawking preserved fruit without a licence, told Mr. Williams this morning that business depression in the Northern port had forced him to come to Hongkong.

Mr. Williams:—You are fined \$5 here.

On the man's protesting that he was only selling for his brother, and should not be the party to pay the fine, he was told by the Bench to "speak to your brother about it."

The Chinese members of the Legislative Council will on October 10th, the Chinese National Day, be at Home at the City Hall from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention to be present.

At the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, Yung Tai, an unemployed Chinese, was fined \$1,500 for being in possession of 50 tael of raw opium at the Kowloon Railway station. Revenue Officer Talton said the man was arrested when he arrived from Canton and the opium was hidden away in a specially made pair of trousers.

GERMAN RESIDENT IN TROUBLE.

FOLLOWING CELEBRATION AT HIS CLUB.

NATHAN ROAD SCENE.

Mr. Carl Meyer, a German merchant, of 137, Des Voeux Road, was charged before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner in Jordan Road and with assaulting an Indian Sergeant in Austin Road in the early hours of this morning.

The Indian sergeant, Bishen Singh, said that about 4.30 o'clock this morning he was entering the girls' school in Jordan Road to see another watchman when he saw defendant walking along the pavement unsteadily. He fell down and witness went to assist him, and asked him where he lived. Defendant pointed in the direction of Cox's Path. Defendant had a strong smell of liquor about him.

Another Indian constable joined them and they took the defendant to Cox's Path, but he did not point out his house. From there they took the defendant to Nathan Road via Austin Road. At the junction they asked a Portuguese gentleman to speak to defendant and get his address. When the Portuguese gentleman approached him, defendant tried to strike him. Defendant again fell down. The three of them raised defendant and put him into a ricksha and proceeded to the Yaumati police station.

Mr. A. F. Rosario spoke of a crowd at the junction of Nathan Road and Austin Road. He went up and saw defendant behaving in a disorderly manner. He was talking to B739 and was telling him to get away. Witness went up to defendant and told him that the constable wanted his address, whereupon the defendant said that he was going to hit witness. Defendant then went up to the Indian sergeant and pushed him and then struck him two blows on the chest. Defendant was put into a ricksha and taken to the police station. On the way he tried to kick the constable. Witness noticed that the defendant had a bump behind the left ear which he had received when he fell down.

Sergeant S. Blaker said that he was in charge of the Yaumati station when the Indian sergeant brought the defendant in and accused him of assault and of being drunk on the public street. Defendant refused to give any particulars. He complained of a bump behind the left ear and said that the Indian sergeant had hit him. The Portuguese gentleman said that defendant had had a fall.

Inspector Marks said he was called to the station by the last witness who informed him that a European had been brought in drunk and charged with assault. Witness visited the cell and saw the defendant lying on his back, dozing. Witness spoke to him and asked him what was the matter but defendant waved his arm and said "maskee." Witness asked defendant to get up and he got the same reply. Defendant said "maskee" to all his questions.

Finally, however, defendant said that he was living at King's Terrace but did not give his name. Witness came to the conclusion that defendant was drunk by his behaviour.

Defendant told the Court that there had been a celebration at the German Club, King's Park, and he had had some drinks, after which he went home alone. He admitted falling down and being arrested by the Indian sergeant. He had been a resident of Hongkong since 1910 and had never been arrested before.

The two Indian constables maltreated him and he received a bump behind the left ear. He did not remember seeing the Portuguese gentleman. He protested against the handling he had received at the hands of the constables.

Mr. Butters fined the defendant \$5 on the first charge and \$10 on the second.

GENERAL REVIEW OF AGENDA.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DOWN TO TASK.

EXPERTS APPOINTED.

London, Oct. 2. At a meeting of the heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference at No. 10, Downing Street to-day, consideration of the best methods of dealing with the various items on the agenda of the conference was continued and concluded. Preliminary discussion of some constitutional questions before the conference was commenced and certain aspects were referred to a Sub-Committee established under the chairmanship of Lord Sankey.

As pointed out yesterday by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald these constitutional questions, concerning the relations of the members of the British Commonwealth in the political field, arise out of the decisions of the 1926 conference.

It is understood that one of the questions discussed to-day concerned the Governors General of Dominions as a whole, and more particularly in relation to their position as it is affected by the 1926 declarations regarding the quality of the status existing among the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Empire Tribunal.

Another matter that came under general review at to-day's meeting was that of establishing an Empire tribunal for settling differences that might arise between the individual units of the British Commonwealth. The heads of the delegations will continue their examination of these and other questions at a meeting to-morrow.

Meanwhile, Committees of the Conference are at work and other committees are being established, the latter including Committees on mandates, arbitration and disarmament, war graves, defence questions, civil aviation, cables, overseas settlement, and forestry.

Experts are meeting in committee on research and industrial standardisation and on questions regarding reciprocity in old age pensions and the form of invoices for customs purposes and the regulations regarding the marks of origin of goods. —British Wireless.

BIG EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED.

CASE TO BE HEARD NEXT TUESDAY.

A date for the hearing was fixed by Mr. Lindsay, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the case in which Chan Kwong-cheung, a partner of Cheung Hing Loong Kee Firm, since dissolved, is charged with embezzlement of a sum of \$40,973, the money of the firm, between February 15 and March 15.

The defendant, it will be remembered, was before the Court last week when it was indicated that on seeing a report in the papers that a warrant was out for his arrest, he had returned to the Colony and given himself up to the police.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared for the complainant, while the defence is being conducted by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall.

The hearing was fixed for Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

FRESH NORTH WINDS.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has deepened and moved to the East of Vladivostok. A moderate anticyclone covers China.

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